

Certificate of Independent Bid Determination

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has prepared this Certificate of Independent Bid Determination for use when calling for bids, tenders or quotations in respect of the sale or disposition of natural resources or when purchasing goods or services through a competitive process. The purpose of this certificate is to encourage compliance with the [Competition Act, R.S.C. 1985, c.34](#).

The Certificate of Independent Bid Determination must be completed and submitted with and attached to the tender package or quotation or otherwise completed and submitted by the successful bidder immediately following the sale by auction.

Failure of the party to complete and attach the Certificate of Independent Bid Determination to the tender package or quotation or to submit the Certificate of Independent Bid Determination upon completion of that party's successful bid at an auction will result in the disqualification of that tender, quotation or bid, as the case may be.

I, _____ in submitting the accompanying bid, quotation or tender (the "Bid") to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry for standing timber described as _____, in response to notice of, the call or request for bids (the "Call") made by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, on behalf of _____ (the "Bidder"), that:

1. I understand that the accompanying Bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
2. I am the Bidder or am authorized by the Bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying Bid, on behalf of the Bidder;
3. for the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying Bid, I understand that the word "Competitor" shall include any person or organization other than the Bidder, whether or not affiliated with the Bidder, who:
 - a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to the Call, and
 - b) could potentially submit a bid in response to the Call, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience;
4. the Bidder has arrived at the accompanying Bid independently from and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with, any Competitor.
5. in particular, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any Competitor regarding:
 - c) prices,
 - d) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices,
 - e) the intention or decision to submit, or not to submit, the Bid, or
 - f) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications of the Call;
6. in addition, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications or delivery particulars of the products or services to which the Call relates;
7. the terms of the accompanying Bid have not been, and will not be, knowingly disclosed by the Bidder, directly or indirectly, to any Competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening, or at the awarding of the contract, whichever comes first, or the time that the Bid is made, unless otherwise required by law; and
8. I have read and understand the contents of this Certificate.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE that the foregoing information may be used and disclosed by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry for the purposes of any investigation or prosecution, both criminal and civil, in respect of any matter for which this Certificate was executed **AND CONSENT** to this Certificate being used and disclosed for such purposes.

EXECUTED at the Town of _____, in the Province of Alberta, this _____ th day of

_____, 20____

(signature of authorized agent or Bidder)

(printed name of authorized agent or Bidder)

(position or title)