

TIMMINS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

FOR

GECHEMICAL SOIL SAMPLING

IN THE

TIMMINS-KIRKLAND LAKE REGION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO

FOR

DISCOVER ABITIBI INITIATIVE

**A project of innovation, cooperation and revitalization
in the Abitibi region of Northern Ontario**



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Découvrons l'Abitibi

Un projet d'innovation, de coopération et de renouvellement

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Geochemical Sampling

Extending Knowledge to be Extracted from Leading Edge Surveys, New Directions and Applications

Timmins-Kirkland Region of Northern Ontario

PROPOSAL

The Timmins Economic Development Corporation wishes to extend the knowledge base of mineral deposits or mineralized zones in the Timmins-Kirkland Lake area. The purpose of the proposed program is to collect geochemical samples on specified grids over several mineralized zones. This sampling will be combined with various geophysical surveys and geological compilations to enhance the knowledge and interpretation of the mineralized areas. It is hoped that the visualization of the anomalous zones will provide models to be use to classify other zones, which are presently untested.

Questions regarding this RFP may be directed to Robert Calhoun, Discover Abitibi, Project Manager, by email at rcalhoun@city.timmins.on.ca.

DISCOVER ABITIBI INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Discover Abitibi Initiative is a regional economic development project charged with the completion of 19 projects within the Timmins to Kirkland Lake corridor of the Western Abitibi Greenstone belt. The initiative is directed through the Timmins Economic Development Corporation (TEDC). The initiative is funded in part by FedNor-Industry Canada, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and several private sector partners.

GEOCHEMICAL SAMPLING

The successful bidder will be required to collect soil samples for geochemical testing over the specified grid areas. These samples will be analysed using various techniques including, MMI, enzyme leach and standard soil analysis, to extract as much information as possible. The grids, which have been cut, consist of three parallel lines spaced at 100 meters and the lines are 2.5-5 km in length. The possible sites for collection total ~5600 but the expect total ranges for 3000 to 4000. The successful bidder must have the resources/personnel to collect these samples as quickly as possible.

PRODUCTS

The resultant assays will be presented on a plan map showing sample locations and gold assays results. Additionally the centre line of each grid will be presented in section profile format relative to the geological and geophysical compilations. The corresponding text report for each grid will list the assay results for each technique and a logistical breakdown. The presentation of the data will be at a specified scale to correspond to the geophysical and geological datasets. The format for these presentations shall be in GIS MapInfo, geo-referenced and provided digitally to the service provider of the overall project.

MISCELLANEOUS ELEMENTS

- A complete copy of each proposal should be delivered to the Discover Abitibi Initiative project manager on or before 4:00pm, November 5, 2004 at the following location (see additional requirements below):

Robert Calhoun, Discover Abitibi Project Manager

Timmins Economic Development Corporation

54 Spruce Street South

Timmins, Ontario P4N 2M5

- A full description should be provided of any omissions or deviations from the requirements set forth in this RFP. Any additional elements should be clearly outlined and cost estimates presented separately so that the subcommittee may

consider the value added and distinguishes such elements from the required elements of the RFP. The effect of any omission on the total cost shall also be included. If there are no omissions or deviations from this RFP, the respondent shall state the following: “This proposal contains no omissions or deviations from the RFP.”

- The proposal must include a section describing the methodology and timing related to the work requested. The final products are due on or before January 31, 2005
- A full description of the qualifications of all staff who will or may complete any technical function in the completion of the work requested by the RFP.
- No payment will be made to a consultant for the preparation and submission of a proposal.
- The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
- A detailed outline of the firm’s per diem rates and a breakdown of subcontractor rates
- All prices must be quoted in Canadian dollars, to include all applicable taxes
- Conditional bids will not be accepted
- Adjustments to the proposal by telephone, fax, telegram, e-mail will not be accepted
- Erasures, overwriting or strikeouts must be initialled by the person signing on behalf of the organization submitting a proposal
- Proposal submissions constitute a firm offer and if successful will constitute part of the agreement
- The consultant must have a clause in their proposal that indicates that prices are open for ninety (90) days from the proposal closing date
- All consultants shall comply with all the legislation and regulations which may be applicable to completing this proposal
- All proposals must be complete, legible and signed in ink by an authorized official

- References must be provided indicate the capability to complete the requirements of the RFP
- All consultants are to be members in good standing with the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario or equivalent and further shall be licensed to practise in Ontario

Should a consultant identify discrepancies or omissions from the RFP prior to the closing date, the Project Manager should be notified by e-mail as soon as possible in order that a written instruction or an addendum can be issued.

Any proposals received after the above referenced deadline or received by facsimile or by e-mail will not be considered for this project and will be returned to the consultant unopened.

The Project Management Team will review qualifying proposals. The criteria for evaluation will be expertise, overall project proposal such as methods for collection, final data output, references and final costs.

Evaluation:

Expertise	20%
Overall project proposal	20%
Final data output	30%
References	10%
Final costs	20%

The preferred candidate for this project will then be recommended to the TEDC Board for engagement of services. A formal contract between the TEDC and the successful firm or individual as per the Request for Proposal and the response to the satisfaction of the TEDC and executed as required.

The TEDC reserves the right to ultimately select, in its own best judgment, which firm it deems most qualified to undertake this project. The TEDC may select any proposal or reject all proposals and is not bound to accept the proposal with the lowest price.

In addition, firms are advised that the awarding of any contract relating to this project is contingent upon confirmation of partnership funding in support of this project.

Consultants wishing to respond to the RFP must register by e-mail no later than 4:00 pm October 29, 2004. A brief e-mail confirming your intentions to submit a response and a key contact should be identified.

We require complete mailing address, telephone and e-mail address. Questions regarding the project will be answered via e-mail and sent to all firms.

Please register with: Mr. Robert Calhoun

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