



## **OPPORTUNITY IN FOREST FUEL MANAGEMENT Competition # 2017-01**

The First Nations' Emergency Services Society of British Columbia (FNESS) is a charitable not-for-profit organization, under the governance of a First Nations Board of Directors and assists BC First Nations in developing and sustaining safer, healthier and thriving communities. Our programs and services based upon prevention include Fire Training, Education and Awareness, Emergency Community Planning and Response, and Forest Fuel Management (FFM). The goals of a self-sustaining and resilient First Nations community must keep *safety* as a priority, as we support the development of community and professional capacity.

### **FNESS is currently inviting applications/resumes for Casual – On call support for the FOREST FUEL MANAGEMENT (FFM) Department.**

Reporting to the FFM Manager, this technical position will be based in the FNESS Kamloops Office (other locations can be considered). The position involves travel, extensive at times, along with a hands-on approach with duties in the office. The position also plays a crucial role in advising the management team, through the FFM Manager. The FFM Research and Extension specialist, in accordance with the Mission Statement and Guiding Strategic principles of FNESS, is responsible for providing guidance, support and technical expertise for the operational needs of the Forest Fuel Management Department, as a team leader with regards to planning, programs, and administration upon request, community relations and committees.

### **Duties and responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to:**

- Provide leadership, support and direction to the Forest Fuel Management (FFM) staff in meeting the goals, objectives and deliverables of the FFM Department;
- Develop and maintain a progressively effective and efficient forest fuel management project-approach throughout First Nations' communities in BC, from community to landscape levels inclusive;
- Provide technical and administrative approval recommendations of both applications and completed First Nations FFM projects;
- Project manages, including financial reporting;
- Builds relationships and collaborates with BC Wildfire Service; Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development; BC Parks and other Government agencies, forest licensees, professional associations, First Nations, stakeholders to promote a coordinated approach in data collection and information sharing;
- Analyze FFM issues, consult experts and advise on FFM options, including policy based input, and recommend solutions to the FFM Manager consistent with the *Wildfire Act* and other pertinent acts and legislation;

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- Participate in working groups, advisory committees, conferences and workshops; and
- Support and/or lead in the development and coordination of special events and projects.

**Applicants for this position should possess the following competencies:**

- Background, education and experience in Indigenous research and development projects;
- Background, education and experience working with diverse Indigenous populations and communities – includes working in rural, remote and northern Indigenous communities;
- Information and data management, collection, organizing and synthesis of data;
- Ability to use Microsoft Office applications and related data systems in the course of normal work duties;
- Strong project administration skills – is detail oriented, able to complete tasks according to a schedule;
- Support and coordination of research questions, interviews and reporting;
- Sound knowledge of scientifically-based FFM standards and management practices;
- Sound knowledge of legislation, policy, standards and practices related to FFM;
- Physically capable to participate in field work, as often required throughout BC;
- Experience (demonstrated) working closely with First Nations service organizations; and
- Strong interpersonal and cross-cultural communication skills; written and public speaking.

**Applicants for this position should possess the following qualifications:**

- Prefer Post-Secondary Degree and/or Diploma in Natural Resources Technology, or a related discipline.

We are looking for the right individual/professional to support the FFM Department. You are currently working in or are recently looking for work in this field. The successful candidate must possess a valid BC driver's license, clear current criminal record check and will be required to supply a current driver's abstract. The understanding of First Nations people, cultures and customs as it relates to the delivery of FNESS programs is beneficial. Wage dependent on education and experience in the field.

*Preference may be given to individuals who self-identify as being of Indigenous ancestry.*

**Deadline for receiving applications is 4:30 PM Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

Please forward a current resume and cover letter to:  
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