

## **OPPORTUNITY IN FOREST FUEL MANAGEMENT Competition # 2015-02**

The First Nations' Emergency Services Society of British Columbia (FNESS) is a not-for-profit organization, as well as a registered charity, under the governance of a First Nation 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 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 staff for the FOREST FUEL MANAGEMENT (FFM) Department.**

Reporting to the FFM Manager, these are technical position(s) based in the Kamloops Office (other locations can be considered). The position(s) involve travel, extensive at times, along with a hands-on approach with duties within the office. The position(s) also play a crucial role in advising the management team, through the FFM Manager. The FFM Casual – On call staff, in accordance with the Mission Statement and Guiding Strategic principles of FNESS, are 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 Nation FFM projects;
- Project manages, including financial reporting;
- Builds relationships and collaborates with BC Wildfire Service, Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations, BC Parks and other Government agencies, forest licensees, professional associations, First Nations, and 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;
- 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:**

- 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;
- Strong communication skills; written & 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;
- Registered Forest Technologist (RFT) with 3-5 years of related field experience required for this position.

We are looking for the right individuals/professionals 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' license, clear current criminal record check and will be required to supply a current driver's abstract. The understanding of First Nation people, culture and customs as it relates to the delivery of FNESS programs is beneficial. Wage dependent on education and experience.

Deadline for receiving applications is 4:30 PM Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Please forward a current resume and cover letter to:

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