



ABORIGINAL CONTRACT AND PROCUREMENT POLICY AT BC HYDRO

INCREASING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

BC Hydro is committed to increasing Aboriginal participation in providing goods and services to the organization. Procurement practices may include set-asides, direct awards, select tenders and Aboriginal Content in bidding documents. Please see criteria below to qualify as an Aboriginal Business.

- a. If the business is a sole proprietorship, it must be wholly owned by an Aboriginal person;
- b. If the business is a corporation, it must have at least 51 per cent of the equity (including any common or voting shares) owned by one or more Aboriginal Businesses or Aboriginal People;
- c. If the business is a partnership or joint venture, it must have at least 51 per cent of the ownership rights (including any voting rights) directly held by one or more Aboriginal Businesses or Aboriginal People or;
- d. As determined by BC Hydro in its sole discretion from time to time, any other business with a substantial amount of ownership rights held by one or more Aboriginal Businesses or Aboriginal Peoples.

When an Aboriginal Business has six or more full-time employees at the date of submitting the bid, at least a third of the employees are Aboriginal Peoples, and this ratio must be maintained throughout the duration of the contract.

“Aboriginal” is defined as First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.

For the purposes of evaluating proposals from non-aboriginal businesses using aboriginal evaluation criteria, “Aboriginal Inclusion” is defined as:

- a. The inclusion of Aboriginal Businesses or Aboriginal Peoples;
- b. Ownership interests of Aboriginal Businesses and Aboriginal Peoples;
- c. Measures the proponent will provide in its performance of the work to benefit Aboriginal Businesses and Aboriginal Peoples.

ABORIGINAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We invite Aboriginal vendors to register in the directory, and encourage non-Aboriginal businesses to explore opportunities in partnerships or subcontracting. Visit the Aboriginal Business Directory website at bcaboriginalvendors.ca/aboriginal_vendors/

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