



FRIAA – Enhanced Reforestation of Legacy Disturbances (EnRLD) Program 2024 EnRLD Site Assessments RFP-Information / Question & Answer Session Notes

Date: April 24, 2024

Time: 10:00 MST

For additional information or clarification please contact Rashelle Harley admin@friaa.ab.ca

Attendees:

- Daniel Chicoine
- Danielle Soroka
- Brandon Soroka
- Keith Wells
- Carrie Selin
- Ben Secker
- Lorne Carson
- Toni Anderson
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Instructions:

THE CALL WILL START PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M.

- Participants can enter the conference call a few minutes prior to 10:00 a.m. by clicking the Microsoft Teams link provided or by entering the Meeting ID# and passcode.
- To disconnect, click on leave call.
- Participants can Mute/Unmute their own mic by clicking the microphone icon.

Agenda (subject to change):

1. Introduction
 - a. FRIAA EnRLD Program Administrator: Rashelle Harley
 - b. Please send an email with your name, title and organization to admin@friaa.ab.ca within 24 hours after the teleconference to confirm your participation and contact details. This will allow us to notify you if we have any additional information to share.
2. Information Regarding the EnRLD 2024 Site Assessment Request for Proposals (RFP)
 - a. Review required information requested in the RFP to ensure a successful submission.
 - b. Overview of additional documents provided including Proposal Template, Workplan Budget, and Assessment Datafields.
 - c. Address points requiring additional clarification and/or answers to pre-submitted questions.
3. Grant Application Process
 - a. Review submission process through FRIAA Submissions Portal.
 - b. EnRLD Review Panel Meeting- Second week of May (May 13th)
 - c. Request for Proposals Submission Deadline – May 9, 2024, before 16:00 MST.
<https://friaa.ab.ca/uncategorized/enrld-2024-site-assessments-for-peace-river-and-slave-lake-forest-area/>



- d. Successful Applicant(s) to be notified in mid-May and should be prepared for project implementation shortly after.

4. Conclusion

- a. Thank you for your participation – a summary of this information session will be posted to the FRIAA website within the following week for your reference.
- b. Please send an email with your name, title, and organization to admin@friaa.ab.ca within 24 hrs of this information session to confirm your participation and contact details. This will allow us to notify you if we have any additional information to share.
- c. For any additional questions that may come up following this information session, please contact admin@friaa.ab.ca with the title “EnRLD 2024 Site Assessment Question”.
- d. We look forward to receiving your proposals. Wrap Up / Questions by Applicants

RFP Site Assessment Specifics:

- The EnRLD Program was established to support the Department in reforesting Eligible Disturbed Areas by applying Provincial Grant funding to Projects that undertake Eligible Activities to rehabilitate damaged forests, enhance carbon sequestration to mitigate climate change, and to maintain and enhance the forest resource.
- The purpose of this RFP is to help FRIAA assist in the regeneration of Alberta’s public forests by providing detailed aerial site assessments of areas that have been affected by recent wildfires. The information received from the site assessments may be used to inform and provide guidance for future reforestation activities under the EnRLD Program.
- There have been spatial data changes in the 2024 RFP compared to the 2023 RFP.
- **Hectares available:**
 - Total: **36,183 ha**
 - Peace River Forest Area: **9,144 ha**
 - Slave Lake Forest Area: **27, 039 ha**
- **Shapefile updates:** Cutblocks that overlap our eligible wildfire data, dispositions, wildlife considerations, and areas that are further than 6km from road access have been removed. Have given the data to a contractor.
- The site assessments are meant to be a snapshot of what is occurring in the stands, and we would like the successful Applicant to use their professional opinion and discretion when determining the best choice of prescription – this will include prioritizing different stands based on the GIS data provided, the assessment data collected, and your own professional opinion.
- Your Proposal should include a brief description and estimate of the total project budget in the format provided in the Application Template. The project budget must be described as a \$/ha for ease of comparison amongst proposals received. As stated earlier, we ask that you provide, as a minimum, a budget for each Forest Area and if you are proposing on both areas, then provide a



combined budget in addition to the individual area budgets.

- FRIAA projects are performance based and outcomes are required to receive payments; therefore, your Proposal should be specific as to how deliverables will be provided and are clearly linked to anticipated payment periods.
- If possible, provide a brief description of any relevant work you have completed to verify that your budget represents fair market value.



EnRLD RFP Questions from Applicants- April 24, 2024- 10:00 AM MST

1. Why was there a change from 1.5 Km to 6 Km from eligible areas to roads?

Disturbed areas within 6 kilometers of road access were more reasonable than the original 1.5 km. Knockdown usually happens in the winter months where access is frozen. Accessibility of the stands will be determined by the site assessment.

2. Is FRIAA looking for an operational planning component. Example: A prioritization and an assessment of access as a deliverable for the project, not just assessing stands?

Yes, an operation plan is important. With the budget capped at \$300,000. Applicants will want to make sure that a plan is provided with a priority-based approach. When planning prescriptions on the eligible stands, factors like ability to get equipment and critical habitat zones should be prioritized. The intent is to make a plan that can implemented based on the assessment.

3. Does FRIAA have an estimated timeline on when the project will be awarded after the board meeting?

The estimated timeline would be to award the project the week following the closing of the request for proposals. The next step would be to make a recommendation to the board at the May 16th Board Meeting, then notify the successful applicant immediately after the meeting. Lastly finalize the project grant agreement.

4. Could the potential of early spring green up cause a delay in the project?

With delay for the request for proposal, the timing will have to be adjusted. Site assessments during green up would require extensive ground truthing, where the photo capture and aerial assessments would be more ideal. It would be impractical to ground truth the number of hectares available. We will work with the successful applicant to plan the timing of the assessments.