

Call for Proposals

To Develop Deep, Unconventional, Frontier and Other Marginally Economic Oil and Gas Resources in British Columbia

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One of the British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Mines' service plan objectives is to increase oil and gas production and stimulate \$24 billion in investment in the province by 2011. While this is an ambitious objective, it is achievable. One of the most important strategies supporting this objective will be to facilitate and encourage the development of the province's vast, yet untapped, sources of natural gas.

The Ministry of Energy and Mines is therefore soliciting proposals for the development of deep, unconventional and frontier sources of natural gas.

Innovative project concepts will be evaluated and ranked to ensure adequate ministry resources are in place to support these new resource development opportunities.

Unconventional plays include, but are not limited to, tight gas, fractured shale, and coalbed methane. Proposals on deep gas and frontier oil and gas exploration in the interior basins would also be welcome, for example, Bowser and Nechako Basins. In addition, acid gas re-injection and CO₂ sequestration projects warrant consideration.

This call for proposals will assist the Ministry of Energy and Mines in setting priorities that will lead to the achievement of service plan objectives, while providing new opportunities for the oil and gas industry. All submissions will be treated as strictly confidential.

Submission format: Proposals should be defined in no more than three pages at this stage and should include the following information (where appropriate):

- Brief description of resource opportunity
- Quantification of resource
- Region of province
- Timeframe for development
- Fiscal, Regulatory, Tenure, Infrastructure issues
- Partnership opportunities

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