

BC MoT and Alberta MoT Seminars: New TILMA-compliant selection processes for consultants on provincial highway projects

The BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Alberta Ministry of Transportation will be holding two seminars for consultants working on provincial highway projects. The topic of the seminars will be the changes to the consultant selection process in both provinces due to the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) signed between Alberta and British Columbia. A selection process that is TILMA compliant must be operational in both provinces by April 1st, 2009.

The visual part of the seminars will be internet based. The audio will be via a teleconference phone connection. Consultants will be able to attend either from their office via an internet connection and a phone connection at the following dates and times or in person at the locations at the dates below (same times as internet presentations - exact addresses will follow later).

For the internet connection you will need a regular PC and you Internet provider's connection, no special software is needed.

For the audio, you will dial a toll-free phone number. A speaker phone is desirable but a regular phone will work. Those who respond to this invitation as per the instructions below will receive with their confirmation the information about the Internet and audio connections. They will also get the street addresses in each city for those attending in person as well as hard copies of the presentations slides in pdf format.

Dates and times:

March 3rd from 1:30 to 4.30 pm Mountain time zone (Alberta locations) or 12:30 TO 3.30 pm Pacific time zone (British Columbia locations).

March 5th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Mountain time zone (Alberta locations) or 8:30 to 11:30 am Pacific time zone (British Columbia locations).

#	Locations	Dates	Times (Alberta)	Times (BC)
1	Calgary, AB	March 3rd only	1:30 to 4:30 pm	12:30 to 3.30 pm
2	Edmonton, AB	March 5th only	9:30am to 12:30 pm	8:30 to 11:30 am
3	Victoria, BC	March 3rd	1:30 to 4:30 pm	12:30 to 3.30 pm
4	Victoria, BC	March 5th	9:30 am to 12:30 pm	8:30 to 11:30 am

- If attending in-person, please respond by indicating how many will be attending from your office. in what city or cities and what date or dates (numbers are required to ensure adequate size of meeting rooms).

- If by internet, indicate what date or dates and how many phone connections you will be using (number of connections are needed because we are limited to a maximum of 100 phone connections per presentation).

- If you have several employees attending from one office by Internet, the preferred set-up would be to have all attendees use a boardroom with a PC connected to a projector and the Internet and a speaker phone (polycom) requiring only one audio connection. Although, it is possible for each individual employee to connect from their own work station. The Internet connection will allow attendees to type in questions at any time during the presentations. The questions will display (anonymously) for all to read and the presenters will respond from the audio connection. Because a large number of attendees are expected, we do not recommend to ask questions using the audio connection.

RSVP by Friday, February 25th, 2009 to: risp.administrator@gov.bc.ca

Those who respond will receive a confirmation along with more information by February 27 at the latest.

Thank you.