



FUNDY MODEL FOREST

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The Fundy Model Forest (FMF) is requesting proposal for the fiscal year 2011-2012. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is, in part, to fulfill our objectives associated with the Forest Community Program (FCP). Please review the attached business plan, refer to the FMF website or contact the FMF at the above numbers.

The following describes the FMF application process.

Closing Date: January 14, 2011. Please forward your proposal via email, FAX or mail to:
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Application: Attached below. Please fill out the attached application in addition to the FRP Budget in the accompanying Excel file.

Review process: Proposals are reviewed and ranked by the FMF's Executive Committee. Final decisions on funding will be made by that group.

Payment: All projects are funded through direct contracts. Proponents must be affiliated with an incorporated entity for the purposes of administering the funding via the FMF contract.

Communications: In most cases, projects will generate new knowledge or tools. This information must be transferred to the appropriate audiences via the media, presentations or other means. A basic communication strategy must be included with each proposal to be considered. The plan should identify who will be interested in this project (forest managers, town planners, the public, etc.) and avenues for reaching them (specific publications and events) and potential communication products such as presentations, posters, brochures, other documents and video clips, CDs or other new media. The FMF will work with proponents to produce the appropriate materials.

Proponents are asked also to provide communication materials that can be used to promote the project and the FMF while the project is underway. These include print quality photos illustrating the project (at least two) with signed release forms, which are available from the FMF office and a short plain English description of the project for use in press releases and on the website. It should describe why the project is being undertaken, what is involved and what the benefit will be. Proponents may be asked to provide quotes and to designate a spokesperson who can be available to answer questions from the media.

This current RFP is focused on delivery of the Forest Community Program on behalf of the Canadian Forest Service. Over the past 18 months, the FMF has been focusing on:

- bio-economy diversification: bioenergy, non-timber forest products,
- land management tools
- community tools
- and education.

We are always looking for new ideas and approaches on any current or emerging issue. For a more detailed description of the projects we have undertaken, please go to our website (www.fundymodelforest.net) for current work-plans and annual reports.

The development of proposals is meant to be a collaborative process, so please feel free to give me a call at 506 432-7563 if you want further information.

Regards,

Nairn Hay
Fundy Model Forest
General Manager

Envisioned Future:

The FMF will continue to develop and nurture the following qualities:

A local emphasis - on addressing issues and concerns that are specific to the Acadian Forest Region.

Focused - on the relevant issues; effectively using the resources available to the FMF.

Coordinated - activities and initiatives locally that take advantage of national and regional programs.

Cooperative - networking with organizations, the scientific community, other model forests and demonstration sites elsewhere in the Acadian Forest region.

Relevant - information, knowledge, and project results available to forest managers, policy makers, scientists, academics, concerned interest groups, and the public.

Respect, trust and empowerment - creating a forum, built largely on volunteer efforts, of diverse opinions including the interests of aboriginal communities, in cooperation with land managers.

Always improving - through a process of adaptive management and by capacity building.

The FMF partners and staff will continue to build on the internal strengths of the Partnership that have evolved over the past fifteen years. These include a forum for the rational exchange of diverse opinions, the potential for networking, coordination capabilities, the building of good will, trust and empowerment, and dedicated management. Externally we will continue to expand our outreach initiatives. We will continue to look beyond our local horizons for new initiatives. We will pursue funding opportunities through partnership with other researchers, development agencies, departments and available programs to further increase our knowledge-building capacity.

Vision

"Healthy communities within a working Acadian Forest managed using the principles of sustainable forest management."

Our goals and core principles from the past still remain viable today, and reflect our continued commitment. They are:

- To encourage, promote and assist in the organization of forums and networks that encompass the expertise, knowledge, skills, opinions and interests of the people living in Acadian Forest Region.
- To maintain and restore the biodiversity, ecosystem function, soil and water resources of the Acadian Forest.
- To create opportunities for public participation through greater awareness.
- To encourage decision making that strikes a balance among environmental, economic, and social concerns.
- To build a knowledge base through research conducted in partnership with stakeholder institutions.
- To use the knowledge developed beyond our borders having potential for application in the FMF and the Acadian Forest region.
- To develop tools and technology for managing and analyzing data, forecasting, modeling potential futures and to support decision making.

Programs & Initiatives:

1. Community Futures

To develop tools that can be used by communities to analyze their current status, identify opportunities, and help adapt to the dynamic nature of today's forest industry.

- * Community Profiles
 - Pilot communities
 - Workshops and Strategic Planning
- * New Knowledge
 - Socio-economic knowledge
 - Model development
- * Infrastructure Support
- * New Knowledge
- * Outreach and Education
 - Publications
 - Capacity in community "Experts"
 - Educational programs
 - Training and recruitment

2. Research, Innovation and SFM

To continue to work in partnerships using science-based methodologies to develop innovative approaches to sustainable resource management in the Acadian Forest, based on sound, documented research.

To work with stakeholders to diversify the bio-economy through exploration of technologies that improve efficiency or create new products for the future

- * Science Programs
 - Indicators of sustainability
 - Development of new practices
- * Industry Competitiveness
- * Landscape Level Planning
 - GIS analysis
 - Multi-stakeholder landscape planning
 - Assessment of tradeoffs
- * Valuation of Ecological Services
 - Existing VES programs
 - Assessment and piloting of VES
- * Bioenergy Opportunities
 - Nutrient-based sustainability guidelines
 - Opportunities for bioenergy use
- * Value Added Opportunities
 - Workshops and pilots of value-added opportunities

3. International Relations

To work with stakeholders to facilitate relationships with international organizations leading to transfer of expertise, technology and knowledge.

- * International knowledge transfer
- * Market access
 - Web-portal to link buyer to IMFN vendors
- * Sustainable forest management
 - Development of new knowledge in SFM
 - Sharing of knowledge beyond FMF borders
- * Climate change
 - Identification and communication of impacts to communities
 - Adaptation to climate change

4. COMMUNICATIONS

To communicate the methods and innovations of the program to local, regional, national and international audiences.

- * Transfer knowledge
- * Develop tools - DVD/CD, publications, web portals, newsletters
- * Activities - workshops, FMF Fair, meetings, tours
- * Participate in networks - SFM, CMFN, NAB

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

TITLE OF PROJECT: (How the project will be referred to for its duration.)	
NAME OF PRIMARY PROPONENT AND AFFILIATION: They will be the point of contact for the FMF for the project.	Name: Affiliation:
PROPONENT CONTACT INFORMATION: (Complete mailing, phone and email).	Address: Phone: Email:
COLLABORATING AGENCIES AND NAME OF CONTACT(S): Collaborators that will provide a significant contribution and involvement in the project. They are not necessarily FMF partners.	Organization: Contact Name: Phone number: Email: Organization: Contact Name: Phone number: Email:
ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY: Please give a brief history of your organization and its goals.	
ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY: Please briefly outline your capacity to successfully complete the project successfully (project partners, financial accountability systems, staffing, past project experience):	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT LENGTH: Duration of Project (Note justification for continued funding)	
PROJECT TIMELINE:	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Point form is acceptable)

BRIEF BACKGROUND: Briefly describe the proposed project – why and what do you want to do and how it will meet FMF objectives?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

DELIVERABLES: In addition to the *required* interim and final report, what do you want to produce, achieve, and/or develop?

APPLICABILITY TO FMF: How does the project fulfill the objectives of the FMF?

FMF Forest Community Program Objectives:

1. Community Capacity

To develop tools that can be used by communities to analyze their current status, identify opportunities, and help adapt to the dynamic nature of today’s forest industry.

2. Science and Innovation

To continue to work in partnerships using science-based methodologies to develop innovative approaches to sustainable resource management in the Acadian Forest based on sound, documented research.

3. Bio-economy Diversification

To work with stakeholders to diversify the bio-economy through exploration of technologies that improve efficiency or create new products for the future

4. International Relationships

To work with stakeholders to facilitate relationships with international organizations leading to transfer of expertise, technology and knowledge.

5. Communication

To communicate the methods and innovations of the program to local, regional, national and international audiences.

OUTCOMES

COMMUNITY IMPACTS: Identify the community the project will serve and explain connection/value of project to their needs/requirements

OUTCOMES		
Immediate Outcomes	Intermediate Outcomes	Long-term Outcomes
INDICATORS Immediate Success Indicator	Intermediate Success Indicator	Long-term Success Indicator
DATA SOURCE		

Immediate Outcomes

Intermediate Outcomes

Long-term Outcomes

Communications Plan

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN: Who will you transfer the knowledge gained from this work to and how? After completion of the project, products will be produced jointly with the FMF for distribution through the website, the media and other appropriate means.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How much are you requesting from the FMF?

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Amount of inkind funding?

\$

Amount of cash funding?

\$

Please fill out the accompanying Excel budget available at www.fundymodelforest.net or from Nairn@fundymodelforest.net

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For projects with a scientific research component - Should the working group request a peer review of your research project, please provide three external references and their contact information. (Ideally from outside the Fundy Model Forest, and not necessarily from within New Brunswick.)

For further information contact:

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