



Tree Canada is looking for landowners interested in having trees planted on their properties for our *National Greening Program* (NGP), a program which supports large-scale tree planting projects in five regions across Canada: British Columbia (including YT, NT, NU), Prairies (AB, MB, SK), Quebec, Ontario and the Maritimes (NB, NS, PE, NL). The program aims to support landowners in their tree planting project where there is a need for forest rehabilitation, afforestation or ecosystem restoration.

Project timeline:

Tree Canada is preparing for its planting operations in 2021. This request for proposals is for two planting seasons: spring or fall 2021. The size of a project can vary, ranging from 10 to 80 acres for 8,000 to 65,000 trees.

Who we are looking for:

Landowners interested in Tree Canada's *National Greening Program*.

Our requirements:

- As part of this request for expression of interest, Tree Canada is seeking landowners who wish to plant trees on their properties. It is not necessary at this stage that the landowner has already selected a contractor, but it is an advantage if it has already been done. Tree Canada will assist successful landowners in selecting a contractor for the project if one is not yet identified.
- Tree Canada and its partners are proud to support regreening projects across the country. Contributions to Tree Canada are made with the expectation of creating a lasting impact and therefore we require those who actually own the proposed lands ("the landowners") to sign an agreement that guarantees they will keep the lands forested for a minimum number of years (length of contract negotiable).
- A site must be submitted with the [online proposal form](#). The site cannot be part of a timber license.
- The successful landowner and contractor will be required to sign an agreement by February 28, 2021 with Tree Canada / Arbres Canada.
- Areas of high environmental value and/or subjected to naturally-caused disturbances, and rehabilitation of sites, will receive the highest priority.
- Spring planting must be completed by June 15, 2021 and fall planting must be completed by September 30, 2021.
- The program depends on sponsor contributions, which may be received over the course of the year. As a result, it is beneficial to know if projects can expand. In your proposal, please indicate the maximum number of trees that could be planted on the project.
- Information on seedling stock quality, origin of stock and what seed zone it belongs to must be provided. Type of planting stock (i.e. bareroot, plugs) will also be considered in the review of the bids.
- Site preparation should be included in the price quote, however if site preparation is not required please provide a detailed explanation.
- The contractor is required to look after all shipments of the planting stock to the planting sites, provide proper handling and storage and return empty containers.

- The contractor is required to provide a digital map/shapefile/GPS points of the proposed expected project boundary upon submission of the proposal as well as a final version after planting.
- Project payment will be facilitated by the report of a third party auditor (Registered Professional Forester or otherwise qualified) at time of planting for planting numbers and quality. The projects will be revisited by a Tree Canada hired professional to conduct survival assessments 1, 2 and 5 years after planting.
- The contractor's ability to provided *added value* to the project (i.e. video footage of the planting by drone or professional videographer) should be clearly detailed, as this will be considered in the review of the proposals.
- The contractor will supply complete insurance coverage from their provider in the amount of minimum \$1,000,000.
- The contractor will be expected to provide a detailed tree planting summary, in the form of a final report supplied by Tree Canada, following the operations including number of trees planted, breakdown of species planted, and dates trees were planted.

How to submit a proposal:

If you are interested in having a National Greening Program planting on your land, submit the [online proposal](#) no later than **January 25, 2021 at 8 p.m. (EST)**.

In your proposal, please include the price per tree planted, location, stakeholders and reforestation/afforestation benefits as outlined on the [online form](#). The Request for Proposal package includes a project description template with all the various aspects the submissions will be reviewed against.

All proposals or questions should be directed to the attention of: Amber Brant @ +1-613-567-5545 ext. 224 or by email to: abrant@treecanada.ca.

Appendix 1

Schedule “B”

Project No. xxxxxx

Between

Tree Canada

and

XYZ

(name of Landowner)

Owner's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Business: _____

Property Location:

Include Map:

[Tree Canada requires the following Mapping Products:

1. A picture of the Map within the contract- Showing the coordinates
2. Provide a separate Shapefile or KML file (Google earth) of project boundary]

Lot: _____ Concession: _____

Property ID Number: _____

Latitude (Decimal Degrees): _____

Longitude (Decimal Degrees): _____ - _____

Number of Trees to be Planted: _____

Species to be planted: _____

AGREEMENT

I, the Owner of the above-mentioned Property, agree to the following terms:

- 1) At my expense, to protect the trees from fire, livestock, pests (e.g. mice, insects, disease), machinery damage, and excessive weed growth, to the best of my ability;
- 2) Not to cut, harvest, or otherwise remove the trees from the planted area for a minimum of 50 years after planting (negotiable);
- 3) To allow the Contractor and/or Tree Canada entry onto the Property to conduct post-planting inspections and survival assessments.
- 4) The Owner, in hereby agrees to assure in advance of planting:
 - a) That the planting area is adequately fenced from livestock, and;

- b) That the site is clear of movable debris to allow access for site preparation, planting and tending operations: These provisions will be done at the landowner's expense;
- 5) If the planting location is not fenced or cleared of debris, the Contractor reserves the right to not proceed with the activities described in this agreement;
- 6) The Contractor and Tree Canada are not responsible for the failure of a tree or trees to become established, but will make all possible efforts to see that the project is properly designed and carried out.
- 7) To absolve the Contractor and Tree Canada and of any liability in connection with projects undertaken through the planting program on the Property;
- 8) To indemnify and save harmless the Contractor and Tree Canada from and against all costs, claims, demands, suits, actions, and judgments made, brought or recovered against the Contractor and Tree Canada resulting from or arising out of any alleged act or omission by the Owner, in connection with the services provide or purported to be provided pursuant to this Agreement;
- 9) In the event that the seedling stock is unavailable or the Contractor is unable to deliver the Program, the planting will be cancelled.
- 10) This Agreement is a matter of contract between Tree Canada and the landowner and is not binding on subsequent owners. However, subsequent Owners must be made aware of the existence of this agreement.
- 11) If the event that the Owner sells the Property, all obligations of the Owner under this agreement will cease.

Owner

Date

Witness

Date

Tree Canada

Date

Witness

Date

Agreement to be signed and scanned in its entirety and send to Tree Canada; abrant@treecanada.ca