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## **IFIT Expression of Interest Form**

**Applicant name:**

**Project title:**

**Date submitted (MM/DD/YY):**

**Attestations:**

By submitting this proposal, the project applicant:

1. Attests that it is legally registered or incorporated in Canada.
2. Attests that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.
3. Understands that the information provided in the Expression of Interest (EOI) will not be used by NRCan to evaluate the eligibility of the project for funding at this time. However, information provided under Phase 1 in the EOI form can be used as part of the Proposal form for Phase 2.
4. Understands that the information supplied in this EOI may be used by the Program to help assist applicants in developing better proposals that will ultimately lead to a larger pool of quality proposals from which the Program can assess and choose to fund.
5. Understands that any proprietary or confidential information provided as part of the submission, by any party, is provided with the approval of that party. Federal reviewers are bound by the requirements of the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act regarding the treatment of confidential information.
6. Understands and acknowledges that, should the project be accepted under IFIT, no liability and no commitment or obligation exists on the part of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to make a financial contribution to the project until a written contribution agreement is signed by both parties.
7. Understands that funding that may be obtained under the IFIT program will not be used for the production or export of softwood lumber products.
8. Agrees, by checking below, that NRCan can share non-confidential information provided with other funding agencies in cases where this may be of benefit to the project or Applicant. NRCan will safeguard personal information according to federal information protection standards under the Privacy Act and other applicable provincial or territorial privacy legislation of relevance.

Yes, information can be shared

No, information cannot be shared

**Please sign below to confirm these attestations:**

Signature:

Date:

Name of Duly Authorized Officer for Applicant:

Title:

## 1. Company Information

### a) Applicant information:

Legal name of company:

Website:

### b) Description of Company (max. 200 words):

### c) Application Stream:

*Projects submitted to IFIT are divided into two funding Streams. The Small Enterprise Stream, or Stream 1, is for companies with fewer than 100 employees garnering annual sales of less than \$50 million. Companies who qualify for IFIT's "Small Enterprise" stream can apply for up to \$2 million in funding from the IFIT Program. The General Stream, or Stream 2, is for any sized project.*

Which stream are you applying to?

Small enterprise \_\_\_\_

General \_\_\_\_

**Regardless of the funding stream, please provide the following:**

Number of employees (separate number of full-time employees and number of part-time employees):

Annual sales in dollars:

## 2. General Information

### a) EOI Contact Information (someone available during the months of September and October 2017):

Name:

Title:

Company:

Facility:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Project responsibilities (if applicable):

### 3. Project Information

*This section provides the Program with a clear overview of the project and its relevance to the IFIT program. The information entered below will not be used to select projects at this stage of the application process.*

#### a) General Project Information:

Project title:

Project location

Facility:

City:

Province:

Expected project start date (YYYY/MM):

Expected project completion date (YYYY/MM):

Total Estimated project cost:

Estimated IFIT funding request:

#### b) Project information (500 words maximum):

*Describe the a) overall project activities, b) the intended objectives of the project as a whole, and c) potential impacts/outcomes – environmental, societal, economic (e.g., jobs created, greenhouse gas reduction, economic impact for local region, renewable energy production).*

#### c) Partners and other sources of funding

*This section details other funding and partnership initiatives that have been explored for this project.*

*Checking the “confirmed” check box entails that the contract has been secured, whereas the “unconfirmed” check box implies that an agreement with the corresponding organization, while plausible or in progress, has not been finalized.*

#### **Name of partner(s) or funding organization:**

Name:

Status: Confirmed \_\_\_ or unconfirmed \_\_\_

Name:

Status: Confirmed \_\_\_ or unconfirmed \_\_\_

Name:

Status: Confirmed \_\_\_ or unconfirmed \_\_\_

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Status: Confirmed \_\_\_ or unconfirmed \_\_\_

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Status: Confirmed \_\_\_ or unconfirmed \_\_\_

Applicants should note that the information submitted in section 4 below outlines the mandatory criteria to be eligible for funding consideration. Although these criteria will not be assessed by the program in the EOI stage, applicants are asked to complete this section to ensure they meet eligibility requirements and so that they may also self-screen. Applicants should also note that they can revise the information supplied below at the final proposal stage prior to the criteria being used by the program to assess eligibility.

#### **4. Mandatory criteria**

##### **a) Eligible recipients**

*Eligible recipients are companies that produce forest products and have at least one existing forest product manufacturing facility located in Canada (for example, open or closed pulp, paper, panelboard or engineered wood products mills).*

Do you meet the above criteria?

Yes

No

Is your company classified under NAICS codes 321XXX or 322XXX?

Yes

No

Unsure

Please list your NAICS code and/or clearly describe how you meet the above criteria (100 words maximum):

##### **b) Technology advancement**

*The proposed project must constitute an advancement of forest sector technology in Canada. Once implemented, the advancement will employ new technologies that produce (or will lead to the future production of) bio-products or next-generation building products. The proposed project is at a pilot to commercial scale, and the technology does not yet exist, at the proposed scale and specifications, in a forest sector industrial facility in Canada.*

Do you meet the above criteria?

Yes

No

Will the project, at the proposed scale, be the first of its kind in a forest sector industrial facility in Canada?

Yes

No

Unsure

Is the proposed project at a pilot or commercial scale?<sup>1</sup>

Pilot<sup>2</sup>

Commercial

Unsure

Clearly describe how you meet the above criteria (200 words maximum):

### **c) Location**

*Project site is located in Canada and the project is integrated with existing industrial processes in the forest sector. This includes projects located at existing mill sites (open or closed) and projects physically connected to existing forest sector industrial processes or facilities.*

Do you meet the above criteria?

Yes

No

Clearly describe how you meet the above criteria (100 words maximum):

### **d) Wood fibre**

*Project is primarily derived from wood fibre. This includes projects involving the industrial processing of wood fibre and projects directly related to or reliant on by-products generated by wood fibre industrial processing activities.*

Do you meet the above criteria?

Yes

No

Clearly describe how you meet the above criteria (100 words maximum):

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<sup>1</sup> The IFIT program will not provide funding to projects dealing with technologies at the research or experimentation stages.

<sup>2</sup> Pilot scale technology is technology employed at an industrial scale designed to produce a small quantity of a product for technical and market analysis, i.e., not directly for profit.