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CFBC Membership Meetings to be held in Kamloops on May 10-11, 2005

To further the goals, objectives and anticipated actions from our new Strategic Plan in terms of a higher profile for our organization (in particular, Objective 3 - to strengthen our relationship with client groups, assisting members with broadening their client base, and promoting business training), the CFBC Board of Directors has arranged a series of important meetings with forest industry, government, and consulting personnel on the evening of Tuesday, May 10th and all day Wednesday, May 11th at the Comfort Inn in Kamloops.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AND CONTRIBUTE BOTH THE EVENING OF MAY 10th AND ALL DAY MAY 11th.

Our team has lined up an impressive set of speakers to participate at these meetings. On May 10th, we begin at **7:00 pm** at the Comfort Inn with a meeting focussing on trends in the consulting business, including the working relationships among consultants, with the following presenters:

1. **Perspectives on the Forest Consulting Industry** – Kelly

Sherman, RPF, Branch Manager for Kelowna Timberline

2. **Business Relationships** – Jim McCreight, Lawyer, RPF, Mair Jensen Blair, Kamloops

On May 11th, also at the Comfort Inn, we will focus on meeting and introducing our members to our varied client base. For these meetings, Tony Buckley of BC Timber Sales and Phil Zacharatos, Regional Executive Director, MoF, have been confirmed from the Forests side of government. From the industrial sector, we are planning to have senior representation from major companies in the area. BC Hydro will be present in the form of Phil Graham. Peter Lishman of the Ministry of Management Services will be present to discuss his “single point of contact” pilot. Finally, Paul Birzins, RPF, Manager, Heartland Economics Ltd., Westbank First Nation will be on hand as well. All these folks are willing to discuss your issues in an open forum.

These two days will provide an excellent opportunity for our members, local or otherwise, to address and listen to major issues facing us as consultants, and we hope these sessions will present opportunities to improve our business climate with major clients.

I also welcome you to recommend any other agenda items you would like to see discussed. Please send them beforehand to CFBC Secretary Rob Schuetz (rschuetz@indforserv.bc.ca).

It is my sincere hope that a significant number of Kamloops, Cariboo and Okanagan-area CFBC members can attend these sessions but, either way, we will endeavour to address your issues.

The Comfort Inn in Kamloops has set aside 20 rooms for members at a special rate at around \$100 (+ tax). Please contact the hotel directly:

**CFBC Business Development Meeting & Workshop
Comfort Inn
1810 Rogers Place, Kamloops
(250) 372-0987
(Auralee Ramunno,
Front Desk Manager)**

We are also offering a special meal package to all members attending:

All day, both meals: \$50
Breakfast and morning only: \$25
Lunch and afternoon only: \$35

Please RSVP to Garnet Mierau (garnet@linbir.com) and be prepared to pay your fee upon arrival in Kamloops. We must let the hotel know exactly how many people to expect for meals.

A full agenda will be circulated to members as the meeting dates approach.

Many thanks! We hope to see you in Kamloops on May 10th and 11th.

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President, CFBC**