

Forest Industries Cluster Scottish Timber Transport Project Management Team Meeting

*Minutes of the Meeting of the Scottish Timber Transport Project Management Team
held on Monday, 6 November 2000 at BSW Harvesting Limited, Perth.*

Present: Steven Paxton, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Julian Fryer, Harvesting Officer, Forest Enterprise, Ian Johnson, Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan, Mike Alexander, Timber Grower's Association, Peter Scott, Scottish Enterprise Competitive Locations, Stephen Lavery, BSW Harvesting Ltd, David Sulman, UKFPA and Elspeth Macdonald, Timber Transport Project Officer, Forestry Contracting Association and Forestry Commission.

Also Attending: David Spaven, David McCrossan, Mario Batzo, Richard Batchelor, Beth Varley, Alistair McGregor, Sharon Cox, Jaqui McKellar (interviews only)

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 11th September were submitted and approved. It was also agreed that further approaches be made to Timber Transport Groups in the North of England.

2. Update of Tendering

There was submitted a report by Scottish Enterprise;

- (1) intimating that four consultants had submitted tenders for the work – The Spaven McCrossan Partnership/Carl Bro IBI/Alan Massey, TRADA Technology/MDS Transmodal, Herriot Watt University and Diamond Project Management;
- (2) Explaining the methodology used in the shortlisting process; and
- (3) Advising that two consultants had been short listed for interview – The Spaven McCrossan Partnership/Carl Bro IBI/Alan Massey, and TRADA Technology/MDS Transmodal.

Noted.

3. Interviews

The Spaven McCrossan Partnership and TRADA/MDS Transmodal were then invited to give a presentation on their briefs.

Following presentations and questions from the Team it was agreed to appoint The Spaven McCrossan Partnership/Carl Bro IBI/Alan Massey to undertake the Project. It was also agreed that Steven Paxton and Peter Scott meet with the Partnership to further discuss the importance of a logistics and solely a rail solution to timber transport challenges.

It was also agreed that the Partnership be invited to the Timber Transport Forum meeting on 14th November 2000 in Stirling.

3. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that two provisional dates be set for the next meeting of the Team: Monday 18th December 2000 and Monday 22nd January 2001.

The Meeting ended at 2.30 p.m.