

**NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO CONTRACT**

Ministry of Finance (“Ministry”), represented by the Information Management Branch

NOI – Re-Implementation of Provincial Sales Tax

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**Summary Details:**

Notice is hereby given by the Province of British Columbia (“Province”) of its intent to award configuration work to Fast Enterprises L.L.C. and Fast Canadian Enterprises, Ltd. (jointly referred to as “FAST”) to re-implement the Provincial Sales Tax and Hotel Room Tax (jointly referred to as “PST”) programs on, and migrate existing tax programs to, the current version of the GenTax tax administration software package (“Version 8”). The Taxpayer Administration Compliance & Services (TACS) Application upon which the PST is maintained is built using the COTS package GenTax developed by FAST.

FAST will provide these services under the Province’s existing maintenance and support agreement for the GenTax product which provides for configuration and associated services for new versions of the GenTax product. Pursuant to an existing license agreement, the Province holds a perpetual right to use the GenTax product, including any new versions which become available.

FAST holds exclusive proprietary rights in the GenTax product and is the sole provider of system configuration and associated services for the GenTax product. FAST is the sole service provider capable of providing the goods and performing the services required by the Province within the restricted time frame required to re-implement the PST.

Consequently, the Ministry intends to re-implement the PST using Version 8 in order to minimize operational risks, reduce support costs and transform service delivery (eServices and self-service) within the restricted time frame. Version 8 will support “citizens’ at the center” and the Ministry Transformation and Technology plan. Implementation of Version 8 is part of the Ministry’s ongoing maintenance and support of its installed tax program base and will protect the Province’s existing installed investment.

The PST re-implementation project is expected to run from October 5, 2011 through January 1, 2014.

Service providers wishing to object to this decision must submit a statement of capabilities and specific reasons for their objection to Michael Carpenter, by facsimile (250-387-8990) or email Michael.Carpenter@gov.bc.ca on or before 2:00 pm Pacific Time on October 17, 2011.