

**Xaayda Gwaay.yaay Tang.Gwan TII Skunxa HIGang.gulxa XaaydaGaay
Haida Gwaii Clean Oceans Working Group**

PROCESS FOR SELECTING CONTRACTORS FOR MARINE DEBRIS CLEANUP

The BC government created the Clean Coasts, Clean Waters Initiative, to stimulate local economies and the locally owned businesses that were affected by the COVID-19 shutdown. Misty Isles Economic Development Society, in partnership with the Council of the Haida Nation has been awarded \$2.3 million dollars to clean up our Haida Gwaii coasts. Our funding also includes a youth engagement component **(16-29)**.

The Haida Gwaii Clean Oceans Working Group/Xaayda Gwaay.yaay Tang.Gwan TII Skunxa HIGang.gulxa XaaydaGaay is committed to providing a transparent process on selection of contractors.

Criteria for ranking of contractors:

- Locally Owned and Affected Tour Operators / Marine Operators in business prior to COVID-19
- Local Owned Businesses affected by COVID-19 Shutdown
- Contractor with a home base of Haida Gwaii with the ability to engage youth to be members of your crew/cleanup contract
- Ability to hire the crew under your business (day rates and meals will be included in the contract amount for crew)

(MIEDS will not be hiring individuals to work as crew/cleanup)

- Meet the Insurance Requirements and provide proof of insurance to MIEDS see [HERE](#) (Required in the grant by BC Provincial Government and PricewaterhouseCoopers)

Additional criteria:

- Appropriate vessel / equipment for the job
- Level of experience operating within the area of interest
- Level of training
- Completing monitoring forms per the Ocean Legacy and NOAA protocol (instructions will be provided) and CHN and/or provincial data cards
- Must be able to provide photos of survey site before and after and of all the debris collected
- Must provide survey tracks either hand drawn on chart or as a Google earth KMZ file, showing areas surveyed, inaccessible debris accumulations and cleaned areas
- Required to label collected bags with Lat/Long, geographic reference, date and contractors name
- Responsible for getting debris to sorting site (unless other arrangements have been made with working group for another contractor to collect and confirmed in contract)

Additional contractual requirement:

“The Contractor shall, at its own expense, provide the necessary WorkSafe BC compensation coverage for itself, all workers and any shareholders, directors, partners or other individuals employed or engaged in the performance of the Work and shall ensure all approved Subcontractors obtain WorkSafe BC coverage.”

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