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**WorkSafeBC Expression of Interest #H001-2009
TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
SERVICES FOR WORKSAFEBC INJURED WORKERS**

WorkSafeBC (The Workers' Compensation Board of BC) would like to identify providers interested in offering Community Occupational Therapy Services to WorkSafeBC Injured Workers in and around the following locations:

- **Northern British Columbia, including;**
 - **Prince Rupert;**
 - **Terrace;**
 - **Kitimat;**
 - **Smithers; and**
 - **100 Mile House.**
- **North Island, including:**
 - **Port Hardy;**
 - **Coal Harbour;**
 - **Port Alice; and**
 - **Port McNeill.**
- **Interior, including;**
 - **Revelstoke;**
 - **Salmon Arm;**
 - **Cache Creek; and**
 - **Kamloops.**

Successful respondents are expected to provide services to other locations in and around these major centers.

Please note: WorkSafeBC will only contact Respondents to this Expression of Interest (EOI) that have expressed an interest in providing the Services in a location where additional services are needed, as identified above.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Community Occupational Therapy Services are designed to help Injured Workers gain, maintain, and improve skills in self-care and productivity that allow them to live, participate and work in their local community.

An Occupational Therapist may direct Service provided in home, worksite and community settings to assist Injured Workers in acquiring, retaining, and improving independence, and physical adaptive skills and return to a productive life. Community Occupational Therapy Service Providers will consider the effects of physical, functional, cognitive, affective, behavioural, environmental and psychosocial elements in all Service components.

All Occupational Therapists delivering Services under the Community Occupational Therapy Services Agreement must utilize evidence-based practice. All Occupational Therapists are responsible for application of all components of practice including but not limited to: referral analysis, assessment, planning and implementation of treatment, consultation, discharge planning, time-sensitive Services, and follow-up (as appropriate). The OT is expected to use objective measures and clinical problem solving in their assessment, recommendations and treatment.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Providers must be able to demonstrate and provide evidence of the necessary skills, experience, and requirements to provide the Services. This includes, but is not limited to, evidence of:

1. All Occupational Therapists must have the following minimum qualifications:
 - Current member in good standings with the College of Occupational therapists of British Columbia (COTBC);
 - Possess a valid B.C. driver's license; and
 - Have a minimum of three (3) years experience practicing occupational therapy.
2. All Occupational Therapists must have completed a minimum of four (4) of the following education or training requirements:
 - National Mobility and Equipment Dealers Association (NMEDA) Conferences or other formal vehicle modification education/training;
 - Brain Injury Courses;
 - Brain Injury Conferences;
 - Wound Care Courses;
 - Wound Care Conferences;
 - International Seating and Mobility Conferences;
 - Wheelchair Seating Courses;
 - Dysphagia Management Courses;
 - Accessibility/Environmental Modification Courses;
 - Other courses and conferences may be considered by the Health Care Services Program Manager.

3. Administration Resources; office equipment such as a computer, phone, fax, printer, etc.
4. Equipment Resources; necessary equipment used in providing Occupational Therapy Services such as a scale, stopwatch, etc.

COMPETITIVE PROCESS

WorkSafeBC will forward invited Respondents a Request for Qualification (RFQ) document. The RFQ will provide further information on the Service requirements and instructions on providing a submission to WorkSafeBC. WorkSafeBC will review all of the completed submissions and notify the Respondents of the submission results.

This EOI is an inquiry only and WorkSafeBC reserves the right in its sole discretion to negotiate a contract individually with any Respondent to this EOI for all or part of the work or not to proceed with a contract.

RESPONSE DEADLINE

Interested applicants are requested to submit their expression of interest by completing and returning the following page:

Expression of Interest forms may be faxed, emailed or mailed to WorkSafeBC.

WorkSafeBC will continue to accept new submissions for this EOI indefinitely until WorkSafeBC chooses to terminate this process.

INQUIRIES

For any questions or concerns, please contact:

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**CONFIRMATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST #H001-2009
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Yes We are interested in receiving a copy of any resulting competitive document and have provided the following information as requested.

1. LEGAL BUSINESS NAME	
2. TRADE NAME	
3. MAILING ADDRESS	
4. INTERESTED REGION (AS IDENTIFIED ABOVE)	
5. CONTACT NAME	
6. AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	
7. TITLE	
8. PHONE NUMBER	
9. FAX NUMBER	
10. EMAIL ADDRESS	