

MEET

**Sydney
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Contract manager
for the BC
government
forestry service



SYDNEY MONTEITH IS an operations technician with the Ministry of Forests, BC Timber Sales. She is located in the interior of BC in the Cariboo-Chilcotin Business Area, where the largest town is Williams Lake, BC.

Sydney is a graduate of the BC government's Procurement and Contract Management Program (PCMP), which, in 2005 began delivering public sector procurement content that was developed through a partnership with NECI Ltd., a private sector firm based in BC.

Sydney works on a team of about ten people who comprise the silviculture section of the Williams Lake Field Team looking after forestry areas following harvesting. The

team decides how to treat harvested blocks as far as site preparation, tree planting, mistletoe eradication etc. Most of the treatments carried out are contracted, generally through invitations to tender and also through select lists that the team has developed and maintains.


Sydney says, "I have worked in forestry since 1980 and have been a contract administrator since about 1983. I got into the forestry profession after graduation from high school as summer employment. I have no technical training through post secondary education, but I have received training through my employer over the last 25 plus years. I have been developing and managing different types of contracts all this time.

Although I have monitored timber harvesting as well, the majority of contracts have been silviculture contracts for prescribed treatments.”

Sydney’s personal interests include wood working in a small shop in her home, gardening, and camping and fishing, which she describes as great pass times. And, like many of us, she also likes to travel when time and money permit.

Being a person of few words, Sydney summed up her consistent approach to the

challenges and issues presented by her work as, “...getting the best possible price for the best job possible through procurement management and team work.

I do my best to try new approaches whenever possible, as well as improve how I manage and solicit contractors to do our work through the contractors’ feedback. I believe that, although there is a contract in place, the best way to get a job completed successfully is to work together toward a common goal.” 

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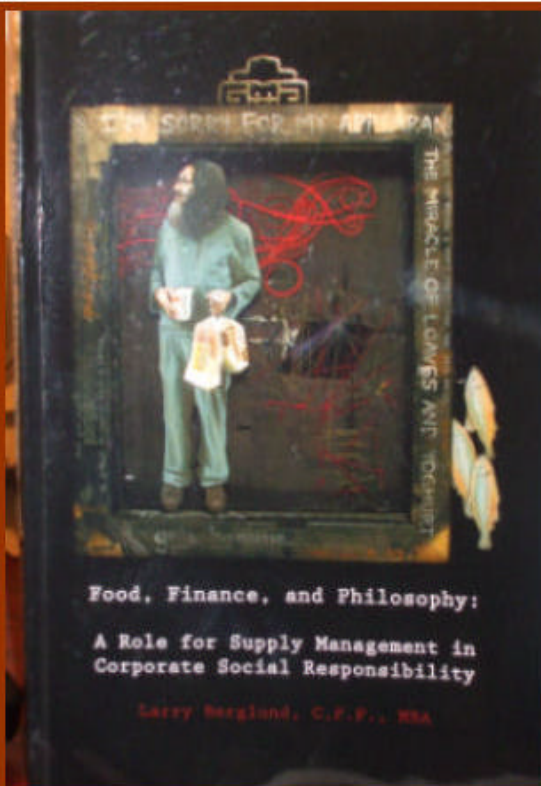
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