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Expo Week -Training and Seminars

Resources Expo is only 2 ½ weeks away. There are several pre-Expo training opportunities you might want to take advantage of. ***If you're self-employed or a forestry company owner/partner, you are likely eligible to have your tuition and travel costs paid*** through the Forestry Labour Force Development Program. Call the CILA office for details.

- Tuesday June 1, 8am – noon: Risk Management with Cory Pitzer
- Tuesday June 1, 1pm- 4pm: Contract Negotiation & Conflict Resolution
- Wednesday June 2: Managing Substance Abuse in the Workplace.
- Wednesday June 2: Aggregate Safety (Construction Safety Association of BC)
- Wednesday June 2: Today's Forests Tour (Touchwood Tours)
- Friday, June 3: Workshops: TILMA, HST, Demographics

Resources Expo 2010 Schedule

Full Expo & Conference packages still available \$300.00 CILA member cost \$250. Please call CILA to register.

Thursday and Friday (June3 & 4)– Business-to-business Qualified Attendees & Delegates only. *CILA Beer n' Burgers Reception 6pm Railway & Forestry Museum for CILA members and invited guests.

Saturday June 5 – Public opening 9-noon.

To all Fraser Lake and area contractors and log haulers

The CILA is hosting an information meeting at the Fraser Lake Legion, 6:30 Thursday May 20, to discuss current harvesting issues, including rates, cycle times and volumes. This meeting is open to all loggers, not just CILA members. MaryAnne Arcand, Paul Klotz and Roy Nagel will be in attendance. For more information, call 1-877-562-5668



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HST should reduce accounting costs

After picking our way through rumors, criticisms and misinformation about the Harmonized Sales Tax, we see some advantages for loggers, truckers and forest industry suppliers compared with the previous combination of provincial sales tax and GST. Government has argued from the start that the HST approach is far simpler, more transparent and fair than the PST system, and that it will reduce costs for businesses by eliminating the provincial sales tax that applies at several points in the manufacture and sale of many products businesses use.

For suppliers, the switch to the HST July 1 should reduce costs and save them time and effort because they'll have to collect and remit just one tax. Currently, they have to collect, remit and account for two different taxes to two different levels of government.

In its HST information packages, the provincial government points out that B.C. businesses will no longer have to pay PST on inputs used to run their companies, including heat, power, office supplies, vehicles and other inputs necessary to do business, and that should help everyone. Government says businesses are expected to save \$150 million a year in administrative costs via the HST.



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There will also be some significant changes for loggers and truckers.

Again, government information sources point out that currently the 7% provincial sales tax applies to roadbuilding equipment, trucks, aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, fuel and lubricants, generators, many machine parts, maintenance tools, tires, radios and cell phones. A chart on a government website shows that when the GST is in effect, the tax rate on those items will be 0%.

The basics of HST

- The government of British Columbia will implement a Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on July 1, 2010.
- BC's 7% Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and 8% Hotel Room Tax (HRT) will be eliminated.
- A 7% BC rate will be added to the 5% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST). This combined 12% tax will be called the HST.
- After July 1, 2010, there will be no PST, HRT or GST in BC – only the HST.

HST Rate and Base

HST will apply to the same goods and services that are taxable under the GST.

- If there is no GST on a product or service, there will be no HST.
 - If there is 5% GST on a good or service, there will be 12% HST unless the item is eligible for a provincial point-of-sale rebate or provincial credit.
 - There will only be 5% HST (the federal part) on point-of-sale rebate items (motor fuels, books, etc.) – there will be no provincial HST.
 - BC will provide a provincial credit for residential energy. The credit will be equal to the provincial portion of the HST so it is like there is only 5% HST on residential energy.
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