

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

## FOULGER AVIATION SERVICES INC.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOREST FIRE AIRCRAFT CONTRACTS FOR 1995

The Cabinet of the Government of the Northwest Territories has directed that the Department of Public Works and Services will negotiate a major long term contract with Dene Metis Holdings Ltd. (DMHL) of Fort Smith for the supply, operation, and maintenance of airtanker services required for its Forest Fire Management Program. The contract will provide for the construction and operation of a hangar and maintenance operation in Fort Smith.

As it will not be possible to complete the negotiations with the DMHL in time for the necessary aircraft contracts to be in place for the 1995 season, the department is required to secure such contracts outside the framework of those negotiations, for 1995 year only.

The objective is to put into place for the 1995 fire season necessary airtanker contracts for the Department of Renewable Resources, which maximize Northern content. The negotiations with the DMHL are an independent undertaking, but the contractor will be required to become familiar with the status of the DMHL's activities so that, as much as is practical and possible, the 1995 contracts may contribute to future DMHL contract activities.

Foulger Aviation Services Inc. (Contractor) will provide technical services as required to establish the 1995 contracts, in a way which recognizes operational constraints and achieves the objective set out above.

The Contractor will meet with the Project Working Group in Fort Smith on 14 November 1994, to assess Renewable Resources' requirements for 1995. During those meetings, and meetings with PW&S staff in Yellowknife, he will assess the GNWT's contracting regulations and requirements. He will also meet with Jake Heron, the Project Coordinator for the DMHL. Mr. Heron has made contact with a number of Northern operators. The Contractor will contact northern operators as time and availability permits. He will also meet with the Deputy Minister and/or Assistant Deputy Minister of Renewable Resources and the Minister and Deputy Minister for PW&S.

The Contractor will provide his recommendations to the Deputy Minister, PW&S by 21 November 1994. The Contractor may be required to provide further assistance in implementing the recommendations.

