

**2003 – 2004 Highway Maintenance Contracts
Frequently Asked Questions**

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Service Area 10 (Central Kootenay)

- Q1. What is the status of the Nelson and Edgewood maintenance yards? Documents state they are currently under review. Are they going to be made available to the contractor?
- A. **The Nelson maintenance yard will be available to our R & B Proponents through BCBC on a triple net lease basis for an initial term of 5 years. Although the 5 year term is agreed to, proponents should know that BCBC is actively trying to sell this maintenance yard. The lease may be renewed after the initial 5 year term at BCBC or the new leasor's discretion for an additional 5 years. Should the lease of this site not be extended beyond this initial 5 year term, the successful proponent would be require to find, build and finance a new maintenance yard site. It is envisioned that there would be ample notification to the successful proponent should an extension not be anticipated.**
As for Edgewood, this yard should be available from BCBC on a triple net lease basis or outright purchase, however we understand that our Smeil Pit may also be available to the Proponents as a Pit Yard. Please note there have been local issues concerning the maintenance operation moving out of Edgewood.
- Q2. There is not a copy of the “collective agreement” for Service Area 10 on the Highway and Bridge Maintenance Web site? Could you please let us know when we may expect to see that?
- A. **We have posted all the agreements we have been given. For information on any agreements that are not posted, interested proponents will have to contacts BCGEU directly.**