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## Tender of Harvest and Haulage Contracts

VicForests is calling for tenders from suitably qualified harvest and haulage contractors.

Ross Runnalls, VicForests' Manager, Forest Contracting, said tenders need to be submitted to VicForests by Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2010

"Three harvest and three transport contracts are being offered by VicForests," Mr Runnalls said.

"These contracts will cover the annual harvest and transport of approximately 80,000m<sup>3</sup> of log product from native hardwood forests in the Central Highlands region.

"Two five-year contracts and one one-year contract for both harvest and haulage will commence in October 2010 with a nine-month annual operating period.

"These contracts will be available through an open and competitive sealed bid tender process.

"Within this tender process there is an opportunity for existing contractors to tender for additional work. This work can be amalgamated with their existing contract quantity into a new contract," he said.

"VicForests is looking to develop contract terms and conditions that achieve greater certainty and efficiency for contractors and VicForests.

"We have moved to five-year contracts in order to maximise security for contractors.

"This will also assist with reducing costs and improving operational and business skills in relation to harvest and haulage," Mr Runnalls said

Request for Tender documents are available for download from VicForests website at [www.vicforests.com.au/tenders.htm](http://www.vicforests.com.au/tenders.htm).

Request for Tender documents can also be provided by mail. Companies can email their Company name, contact name, phone details and postal address to: [vfs.woodsupply@vicforests.com.au](mailto:vfs.woodsupply@vicforests.com.au) or contact Reception on (03) 9608 9501.

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