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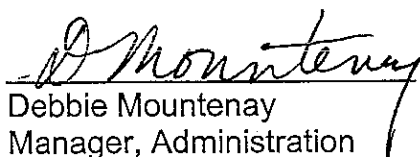
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RE: **FULL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY**

This Information Bulletin is issued in anticipation of increased offshore-related activity and to assist new operators in the Nova Scotia Offshore Area regarding Industrial Benefits.

Pursuant to the Accord legislation, operators are required to provide companies in Nova Scotia and other parts of Canada with a full and fair opportunity to compete for work. The Board expects operators to remove impediments, where possible, that may limit the ability for Nova Scotian and other Canadian companies to compete, and also, to provide enough notice of opportunities to allow for early preparation by suppliers.

The Board encourages operators and their contractors to provide a minimum of two weeks to respond to Expressions of Interest. With respect to tender packages (Request for Quote), the Board expects operators to provide suppliers with a reasonable time to respond, depending on the complexity of the bid package. The Board will consider a compressed time frame on a case-by-case basis.


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