



Master Logger Certification Program

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Initial Interview

Applicant ID#: _____
 Interviewer: _____
 Interview Date: _____

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

_____ A completed application and fee has been received

COMPANY OPERATIONS:

1.	Water quality and soils
	Is there a spill plan?
	Safety
	Do you have a safety plan on file?
	Are periodic audits of safety requirements conducted and documented as part of the safety plan?
	Are regular safety meetings held and documented?
	Are all employees trained specifically for the equipment they operate?
3.	Regulatory
	Have you had any tickets/fines/notices dealing with your logging operation in the last year?
	For the timber sales provided, did you obtain a stream-crossing permit?
4.	Continuing Education
	Is applicant and are all employees current on SFI training?
	Are all subcontractors current on SFI training?
	Documentation of attendance and the training sessions held for employees is on file.
	Do you think being trained/updated on current forest health issues will be beneficial?
5.	Site specific plan
	Met with landowner and /or agent to develop a written harvest plan and sale agreement? The harvest plan and contract are in writing and all amendments to it are initialed by all parties?
	Harvesting company receives applicable portions of the management plan upon which the harvest plan and sales agreement are based?

	Responsible party is clearly identified for specific activities, e.g. who pays for culverts, seed, etc.?
	Detail regarding operating requirements viz. road, trail, landing placement, stream crossing, property lines, utilization standards are in harvest plan/contract?
	Geological structures, boundary markers, unique features or structures, threatened and endangered species as identified in the harvest plan are delineated in the field?
	Parts of harvest plan/cutting specifications are reviewed with all employees and subcontractors and a copy with specifics to his/her job is given to all employees and subcontractors?
	A sale-closing audit using a post-harvest check sheet is made and documented?
	Is biomass harvesting part of your operations (Y/N)? <i>What type of system do you use? Do you follow the Michigan Biomass Harvesting Guidelines?</i>
6. Business Practices:	
	<p>Do you have insurance policies for: (Confidential)</p> <p>-<i>Worker Comp</i> _____</p> <p>-<i>Liability</i> _____</p> <p>-<i>Equipment</i> _____</p>
	<p>Employment/Contracting</p> <p>a. <i>Do you have employees?</i></p> <p>b. <i>Subcontractors?</i></p> <p>c. <i>Are you a subcontractor or employee?</i></p>
	<p>Have contracts with landowners, mills, employees, and subcontractors on file?</p> <p>_____ Landowners</p> <p>_____ Mills</p> <p>_____ Employees</p> <p>_____ Subcontractors</p>
	Provides training for employees?
	Is a member of organization(s) which represent loggers?
	Has on file various records relating to production costs, machine maintenance, etc.?
	Maintains a record of production and marketing of products by the sale?
	Attends trade shows and association meetings?
	Subscribes to trade publications?
	Uses modern technology to communicate, e.g. fax, e-mail, mobile phone, copier?

Demographic Information:

1. What do you think is the most frustrating thing about being a logger in Michigan?

2. Is there anything in the logging industry that you would like to change? What? Why?

3. Have you diversified to stay viable in the industry? How?

4. Why do you want to become a Certified Master Logger©?

5. Do you think that becoming a Certified Master Logger© will help you meet your business or personal goals?

6. How do you feel about Master Loggers© monitoring their own members for quality control purposes?
