Call for Proposals for the Development of Regional Abattoirs

The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources invites proposals for the development of abattoirs in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. The intent is to have up to four abattoirs, one in each region: Labrador, Western Newfoundland, Central Newfoundland, and Eastern Newfoundland. Development of facilities that meet federal red meat slaughter facility standards for beef and sheep will be given preference.

The Provincial Government recognizes that lack of access to proper slaughter and packing facilities has become an impediment to growth for the province’s beef and sheep sectors, as most provincial producers do not have access to adequate slaughter capacity for their animals. As such, facilities contemplated in this Call for Proposals must be made available to a group of producers in a custom kill fashion.

Proposals will be considered from individuals, producer cooperatives, or associations. Proponents are eligible to apply for funding through existing agricultural support programs including Provincial Agrifoods Assistance Program or Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

Proposals will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on July 17, 2020 and must be submitted in accordance with the provided terms and conditions. The department does not bind itself to any proposals that may be submitted.

Terms and conditions are available by contacting:

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Call for Proposals invited for the development of regional abattoirs throughout the province of Newfoundland and Labrador

1. Background:

The Way Forward policy framework has identified agriculture as a strategic growth sector with tremendous economic potential. In an effort to capitalize on this potential, the Agriculture Sector Work Plan was developed, in consultation with industry, to pursue opportunities and remove barriers to growth, with a foundational objective to double provincial food self-sufficiency. Numerous actions are identified within the Work Plan to achieve this target, encompassing the following areas: agriculture production; agriculture business development and risk management; human resources and labour; research, innovation and diversification; market access and development; and processing and value-added agriculture. A specific action to address market access and development gives consideration to the establishment of licensed abattoirs to support provincial livestock sector expansion and sustainability.

Licensed abattoirs are a critical component to growing the livestock sector. They allow farmers to: expand production, as well as the marketing period; satisfy wholesaler requirements for consistency in quality and supply; and increase opportunities for secondary processing. As such, the establishment of regional abattoir facilities will provide the livestock sector with access to adequate infrastructure, resulting in production expansion, improved meat quality, and ultimately, improved food self-sufficiency.

2. Proposal Content and Evaluation:

Proposals must include details of the proponent’s plan to address the abattoir needs of the region identified. This may be in the form of the construction of a new facility, or the conversion of an existing structure into a suitable facility.

Proposals should address, but need not be limited to, the following key issues, which will constitute the evaluation criteria during the review process:

- The proponent must provide details of the entity making the proposal (i.e. producer group, individual or industry association).

- The location, size and capacity of the proposed facility.
  - It is intended that these abattoir facilities be made available to a group of livestock producers who do not currently have ready-
access to adequate abattoir capacity on their own farms at a fee-for-service method.

- The proponent must provide details of the facility characteristics that currently exist, or that are being proposed.
  - The facility being proposed must become provincially or federally licensed.

- The proponent must provide details on the administrative aspects of the proposed facility.

- Proponents must provide details of proposed access to funding outside of this initiative.

- If an existing building is part of the proposal, the selection committee must be provided access for inspection and evaluation.

- The proponent must be in good standing with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Proposals received on or before the deadline will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources (FLR). As a component of the evaluation process, the evaluation committee may request additional information in the form of a formal presentation or may ask the proponent for further detail with respect to any aspects of the proposal.

3. **Conditions and Constraints:**

The department does not bind itself to any proposals that may be submitted.

4. **Submission Requirements:**

Proposals will be accepted any time during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) after the publication of this call, and must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on July 17, 2020. Proposals can be forwarded to the address below by registered mail or courier. Electronic submissions are permissible; however, should be supported by paper copies within 72 hours of the close of this call.

All submissions to be sent to:

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