



Expressions of Interest

Agri-Environment Consultancy Services

The Isle of Man Government invites expressions of interest for the provision of practical agri-environment advice and assessment to the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFA) and to eligible applicants (farmers) in respect of the Department's Agri-Environment Scheme ("the Scheme").

The Scheme is due to commence in April 2021. Details of the Scheme prescriptions are included in the Agri-Environment Initiatives Handbook which will be issued to companies that express an interest.

The Contractor will be required to advise farmers on how to deliver the prescriptions in the Scheme on their farm and to assess subsequent eligibility and attractiveness of applications to the Department. The Department will be responsible for assessing and approving applications, making payment and adding conditions that may require follow up inspections or advice. The Contractor will be required to confirm that works or management activities have been carried out to the required specification, including collecting evidence through physical measurements, species id, condition assessment, photo recording etc. and to undertake any follow up inspections as required.

The Scheme budget is initially set at around £1 million per year to deliver the full range of prescriptions set out in the Agri-Environment Initiative Handbook. There is currently just over 100,000 acres of eligible land area.

It is anticipated that the Contractor will enter into an Agreement for a period of three years with an option for the Department to extend the Agreement by up to a further 24 months.

In order to participate in this competitive exercise, your organisation must be registered on the Isle of Man Government's Procurement Portal. If you have not previously registered, please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/iomg/asp/Home> and select 'Register' from the menu on the left side of the Home Page.

Once you have registered your organisation you should select this tender from the list of 'Current Tenders' and 'View Details' then click 'Express an Interest' at the bottom of the page. Once you have clicked on 'Express an Interest' a 'Form of Acknowledgement' tab will appear. This tab will provide a copy of the 'Appeals Procedure' to be downloaded. In order to progress to the next stage of the process you will need to 'Opt-In' and complete the 'Form of Acknowledgment' questionnaire and click 'Submit Return' before the Expression of Interest deadline as detailed below.

Should you have any difficulty in using the website or registering your interest in this way, please e-mail procurement@gov.im

Expressions of interest must be submitted through the above Portal by **noon 18th January 2021**.