



Expressions of Interest

Provision of Consultancy and Management Services for Mines and Minerals in the Isle of Man

The Isle of Man Government invites expressions of interest from suitably qualified, experienced and competent persons or consultancy practices engaged in the minerals industries who are interested in providing consultancy and management services to the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture in respect of mines and minerals on the Isle of Man.

The Contractor will be required to carry out a wide range of duties in respect of the Department's remit under the Minerals Act 1986, as amended by the Minerals (Amendment) Act 2006. These duties will be of a technical, strategic and operational nature and will include:

Strategic Activity

- providing ad hoc minerals policy advice;
- advising the Department on mines and minerals planning and operations and aspects of mines valuation;
- advising on minerals legislation, regulations, directions, orders, byelaws and requirements of any competent authority;
- undertaking reports and providing recommendations and valuations on minerals matters such as rent and royalty reviews;
- representing the Department as its delegate on ad hoc groups.

Operational Activity

- providing technical advice on terms of existing leases, licenses, performance bonds, etc;
- direct first line liaison with operators, their representatives and the Department's legal consultants (as appropriate) on any aspect of mines and minerals, to include all forms of routine and ad hoc communication;
- first line of contact in addressing new minerals proposals directed towards the Department;
- advising on planning applications which may affect the Department's interest in minerals;
- undertaking the annual and triennial royalty reviews in line with the Department's policy, the terms or leases and licenses and appropriate calculations;
- monitoring, advising and providing guidance on applications for underground visits to abandoned mine workings;
- investigating and taking appropriate action on reports of unauthorise minerals working;
- reporting to the Department's officers via weekly exception reporting; full written monthly situation and financil reporting and regular half yearly face-to-face meetings to be held at the Department's HQ (or other location at the discretion of the Department's officers);
- preparation, operation and maintenance of a comprehensive database of Isle of Man abandond mines;

- risk assessments of abandoned mine features and development, maintenance and administration of a programme to mitigate risk.

Monitoring Activity

- undertaking six monthly inspections of quarry workings and output records in May and November each year, cross-referencing output records with royalty returns, reporting findings and making recommendations to the Department within at least thirty (30) working days of inspections;
- analyzing and interpreting annual and interim surveys/site plans as appropriate and reporting to the Department within at least thirty (30) working days of receipt of data;
- monitoring of mining leases, licenses and agreements for compliance with terms and making recommendations to safeguard the Department's interests;
- analysis of data and compilation of minerals monitoring data including aggregate sales; reserve estimates; landbanks; production capacity and demand forecasting;
- compiling data and text for inclusion in the Annual Minerals Monitoring Report;
- overseeing prospecting activities;
- monitoring abandoned mines for condition / risk changes;
- generally monitoring for any mines and mineral activities or interests relevant to the Isle of Man.

In addition to the contract provisions, the Contractor may be required to supply additional services on a daily or "one-off" rate. Such services might include:

- a. processing, according to the Department's requirements, applications for leases and licenses;
- b. advising on the development of resources of offshore minerals, including mining potential, methods of exploration and marine environmental matters.
- c. carrying out work in connection with property searches/surveys as they pertain to current and disused mines and minerals operations.
- d. environmental matters related to current or historic minerals operations.

Should you wish to participate in this competitive exercise please register your organisation on the Isle of Man Government's Procurement Portal at the following website <https://intendhost.co.uk/iomg.aspx/Home>. Please 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 expressed an interest, the 'Form of Acknowledgement' document will become available to complete. In order to progress to the next stage you will need to download, sign and upload the completed 'Form of Acknowledgement' document before the Expression of Interest deadline 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 2nd December 2022**.