

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)-CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) IN THE CERVID POPULATION FOR CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY (CFIA)

1. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

This Request for Information (“RFI”) is issued by Canadian Food Inspection Agency. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has been engaged in responding to the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) reportable disease in the cervid population in Canada since 1996 with that first reported case in farmed cervids being located in Saskatchewan in that year.

During the last 27 years the size of the industry has fluctuated and the publicly available information as it relates to financial transactions/movement of livestock within the cervid industry is becoming extremely scarce and difficult to access. An important part of the CFIA disease response is to determine fair market value to provide fair compensation for all cervids that are ordered destroyed as a result of that response.

This is has become increasingly difficult especially in the whitetail deer industry where the primary source of revenue is the hunt market.

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2. Nature of this Request for Information

This RFI is neither a call for tender nor a Request for Proposal (RFP). No agreement or contract will be entered into based on this RFI. The issuance of this RFI is not to be considered in any way a commitment by the Government of Canada, nor as authority to potential respondents to undertake any work that could be charged to Canada. This RFI is not to be considered as a commitment to issue a subsequent solicitation or award contract(s) for the work described herein.

Although the information collected may be provided as commercial-in-confidence (and, if identified will be treated accordingly by Canada), Canada may use the information to assist in drafting a statement of work (SoW), performance specifications (which are subject to change) and for budgetary purposes.

Participation in this RFI is encouraged but is not mandatory. There will be no short-listing of potential suppliers for the purposes of undertaking any future work as a result of this RFI. Similarly, participation in this RFI is not a condition or prerequisite for the participation in any potential subsequent solicitation.

Respondents will not be reimbursed for any cost incurred by participating in this RFI.

The RFI closing date published herein is not the deadline for comments or input. Comments and input will be accepted any time up to the time when/if a follow-on solicitation is published.

3. Format of Responses Requested

- (a) Respondents are requested to provide their comments, concerns, and where applicable, alternative recommendations regarding how the requirements or objectives described in this RFI could be satisfied. Respondents should explain any assumptions they make in their responses.
- (b) Respondents are encouraged to identify in the information they share with Canada, any information that they feel is proprietary, third party or personal information. Please note that Canada may be obligated by law (e.g. in response to a request under the Access to Information and Privacy Act) to disclose proprietary or commercially-sensitive information concerning a respondent (for more

information: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/a-1/>).

(c) Responses may be in English or French.

4. Submission of Responses

(a) **Time and Place for Submission of Responses:** Respondents should submit an electronic copy of their response to this RFI via email by 14:00 EST on XXX, 2023 to the following Contracting Authority:

Jo'Anne Cassidy
Senior Procurement and Contracting Officer
Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Ottawa, ON
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(b) **Responsibility for Timely Delivery:** Each Respondent is solely responsible for ensuring its response is delivered on time to the correct email address.

5. Respondent Contact

A point of contact (including name, email address and phone number) for the Respondent should be included in the response to this RFI.

6. Follow-up with RFI Respondents

Canada reserves the right to follow-up with Respondents to this RFI at any time prior to the posting of any Request for Proposals (RFP) for Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine to request additional information, or to request that Respondents confirm or update the information provided in response to this RFI, without publicly posting a new RFI.

SECTION II: Questions for Industry

While industry is requested to respond to the specific questions below, it is also recognized that industry has expertise and experience that could contribute greatly to the development of innovative solutions to meet the objectives set out in Section I. As such, Respondents to this RFI are encouraged to provide additional information or to suggest alternative approaches to those set out herein.

1. How does a producer make a determination of pricing of cervids for private sale?
2. Is there a specific industry model (economic or financial) that is used to determine the value of the cervids in an operation?
3. Are there particular traits/management practices that are consistently used in the industry for measurement of value and how are they applied?
4. How does the geographic location of the herd impact the value?