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Responsive Advancement for Meat Processing (RAMP) Program

The Responsive Advancement for Meat Processing (RAMP) Program is for northern Ontario abattoirs and meat processing plants. RAMP is a comprehensive approach to the sector that will provide advisory support, expert consulting, and funding for eligible projects. The RAMP Program will provide up to \$25,000 at 75% cost-share towards the purchase of new technologies, equipment and/or materials that will result in the growth and diversity of the meat sector supply chain within the agri-food sector in the region.

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Registered Business/ Organization Name			
Business or Corporation No:			
Business Ownership Form:			
Incorporation Date:			
Address:			
Plant ID:			
City, Province:		Postal Code:	
1st Principal Name:		Position:	
2nd Principal Name:		Position:	
Phone:		Fax:	
E-Mail:		Website:	
HST#:			
<p>If you are a private sector applicant, check the boxes that apply to your business, where “ownership” refers to the majority ownership or control. (optional)</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Metis, Aboriginal, Inuit-owned business <input type="checkbox"/> Woman-owned business <input type="checkbox"/> Francophone-owned business <input type="checkbox"/> Youth-owned business (owner is 30 or under) </p>			

Description of company – history, management, current products/services, and business goals.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Provide a brief description of your project and the objectives to be achieved because of funding support.

Please ensure that your project meets all regulatory requirements i.e. - building permits, zoning approvals, licenses, certifications, etc.

When will you start and complete your project?

Deadline to Complete Project is December 31, 2023. Please ensure your project can be completed within the timeframe.

Project Start Date:

Project End Date:

How will the requested funding be used?

PROJECT BENEFITS

Select the following RAMP Program objectives that your project will meet. (Check all that apply):

- Stimulate the development and expansion of the meat processing sector in northern Ontario.
- Address challenges brought on by the increase in demand for local food in northern Ontario, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Encourage the adoption of clean technologies to increase resource efficiency while reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Promote the adaptation of new technologies to modernize operations while expanding capacity and increase efficiencies to improve productivity.
- Promote value-added processing and innovative production and processing practices that increase scalability, profitability, and competitiveness.

Briefly explain how your project will meet the objectives you have selected as it relates to your business goals.

How will the project benefit Northern Ontario? Check all that apply:

- Job creation (approx. # of jobs ____).
- Existing jobs maintained (approx. # of jobs ____).
- Strategic alliances (created or maintained).
- New value-added product(s) brought to market.
- New innovative physical asset(s) implemented or adopted.
- Enhanced productivity.
- Business expansion.
- Improved environmental benefit / performance.

Briefly Describe Measurable Outcomes and Results (how your project will create or maintain jobs, expand your business, enhance productivity, create products, create strategic alliances, etc.).

Please complete the following:

Current Annual Sales Revenue *:	\$	3 Year Sales Revenue Projection:	\$
Current # of Employees:	Full Time: Part Time:	# of Employees Projected Forward 3 Years:	Full Time: Part Time:

**** Businesses must have at least one year in revenue to be eligible for funding.***

FUNDING SOURCES

Describe any additional funding having been applied to or being received for this project, including amount, source, and role in the project. Sources of funding may include federal, provincial, or municipal. *

Will this project proceed if RAMP funding is not obtained? YES NO

* Projects that would receive other federal or provincial funding need to adhere to stacking limits of those programs and the RAMP Program

PROJECT COSTING DETAILS

For a more detailed description of Eligible Project Costs, see RAMP guidelines.

Project Costing Details	
Description of Project Cost	Project Cost
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Eligible Project Cost	\$

Project Funding Details

Requested Funding	\$	Total amount of funding requested, up to \$25,000 and 75% of total project costs
Applicant's Contribution	\$	Applicant's contributions must be at least 25% of total project cost.
Total Project Cost	\$	

Total funding requested: \$ _____

QUOTES

Please **attach** a minimum of three comparative quotes for each piece of equipment or material order (over \$10,000).

Ensure the quotes include the following:

Name of Contractor and Contact Information
Description of equipment and/or material to be provided
Date of Quote
Quoted Amount (\$)

If you are unable to provide sufficient quotes, please provide an explanation.

SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that the above information is accurate and that I have authority to sign on behalf of the applicant. I recognize that filling out this application does not constitute an approval of project funds until SSMIC and its partners provide written confirmation.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Please print name:

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The applicant's signature acknowledges that the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre will not be responsible for any contractor/supplier charges in excess of the approved funding amount nor will any payment be made to the applicant in advance of applicant's payment of the required contribution or the applicant's signature confirming equipment purchase.

The applicant further acknowledges that the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre accepts no responsibility for the contractor/supplier services provided under this agreement. The sole responsibility of the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre is to issue approved funding, upon satisfactory completion of all necessary documentation, to the applicant.

The applicant further acknowledges that the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre has a two-year obligation to track the applicant's business efforts and results which shall require mandatory reporting (upon request) by the applicant of annual revenues and job creation and other related information as required. The Sault Ste Marie Innovation Centre reserves the right to conduct random RAMP project site visits (as coordinated with business owner). Information obtained during these visits may be shared with the reviewers for future application reviews.

The applicant acknowledges the right of the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre to audit the Eligible Project and the right of representatives of the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development "Minister" to audit, or cause to have audited, the accounts and records of the applicant and to have a right of access to the books and the applicant's accounts. The applicant shall be required by the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre to act as its agent for the purpose of any inquiry undertaken by the Auditor General of Canada with respect to the use of funds under this agreement. The applicant shall release to the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre, upon request and in a timely manner, for the purpose of releasing to the Auditor General of Canada, all records held by the applicant, or by agents or contractors of the applicant, relating to the contribution agreement and the use of funds; and; such further information and explanations as the Auditor General, or anyone acting on behalf of the Auditor General may request relating to any part of the contribution agreement or the use of funds.

The applicant acknowledges that all equipment/material purchased with RAMP funding is to be located within the boundaries of northern Ontario for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of purchase. The applicant agrees to retain

title to, and ownership of, the capital assets, the cost of which has been contributed to by the Minister under this Agreement for a minimum of two (2) years after the expiry or early termination of this Agreement, and shall not dispose of the same for a period of two (2) years after the expiry or early termination of this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Minister. As a condition of such consent, the Minister may require the applicant to repay the Minister the whole or any part of the Granted Sum paid to the applicant.

The applicant agrees to comply with all federal, provincial, territorial, municipal and other applicable laws governing the applicant or the applicant's activity, or both, including, but not limited to, statutes, regulations, by-laws, rules, ordinances and decrees. This includes legal requirements and regulations relating to environmental protection.

The applicant agrees to acknowledge, if requested thereof, the federal government's role in the funding provided through this agreement and consent to a public announcement of the eligible activities by or on behalf of the Minister in the form of a news release. The Minister will inform the applicant of the date of any public announcement. The applicant consents to the participation of the Minister, or the Minister's representatives, at such an announcement event, and to have such an event take place on a day mutually agreed upon by the applicant and the Minister or the Minister's representative. The applicant will agree to display promotional material provided by the Minister at such an event. NOTE: Release of confidential or competitively sensitive information will not be required as this is protected under the Access to Information Act.

I have read and understand and agree to the above conditions and I have authority to sign on behalf of the applicant.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Please print name:

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Completed RAMP application forms, including supporting documentation are to be emailed to **David Thompson – dthompson@ssmic.com**. Please clearly indicate in the email subject, re: "RAMP Program".

Please note: Electronic submissions are preferred.

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Please note that all successful submissions will receive a notice of confirmation.