Request for Proposal

Letters of Intent for the Development of a Vaccine for Necrotic Enteritis in Broiler Chickens

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1. Request for Proposal
The objective of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit letters of intent for Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC) with respect to the development of a vaccine for necrotic enteritis for broiler chickens.

Reduction of the use of antimicrobials is a critical priority for the chicken sector. The prevention of necrotic enteritis is one of the major reasons for antibiotic use in broiler chicken feed. Commercial vaccine production is a high priority for antimicrobial use reduction strategies. The goal of this research is to develop a vaccine for necrotic enteritis in broiler chickens.

2. Background
CFC has developed an antimicrobial use (AMU) strategy with industry partners. The objective of CFC’s AMU strategy is to control, monitor and reduce AMU in the chicken industry in order to preserve effective treatment options. The intent is that the initiatives undertaken as part of this strategy will provide the needed confidence to consumers and to governments that AMU in the chicken industry is responsible. Additional information about CFC’s strategy can be found at www.chicken.ca.

A key element of CFC’s strategy is to reduce antimicrobial use. To this end, an industry policy to eliminate the preventive use of Category I antibiotics has been implemented as of May 15, 2014. The development of a vaccine for necrotic enteritis in broiler chickens would facilitate the implementation of CFC’s AMU strategy and would help to protect the health and welfare of broiler chickens in Canada.

3. Budget
This project funding is separate to that provided by the Canadian Poultry Research Council (CPRC). CFC’s contribution to the proposal will be limited to a maximum of $60,000. Industry dollars, whether from CFC or other industry sources, must be matched with non-industry dollars at a ratio of at least 1:1. Higher leverage ratios are preferred.

4. Letter of Intent and Review Process
CFC is requesting that interested applicants follow the submission guidelines as detailed in the Canadian Poultry Research Council’s Call for Letters of Intent (dated December 2016). All proposals must be received complete no later than February 17th, 2017. Researchers may apply for project funds from both CFC and CPRC.
While this is a separate RFP, CFC will be using the same review process as is currently used by CPRC. CPRC will also be acting as the administrator for this project on behalf of CFC, and all contracts and reporting mechanisms will be as per CPRC protocols and policies.

CFC intends to follow the timeline as outlined by CPRC for the review and approval of research projects. However, CFC reserves the right to add, drop, or reschedule milestones as necessary. The successful proposal will be selected on overall value and will be at the discretion of the CFC Board of Directors.

Issuance of this RFP, your preparation and submission of a response, and the subsequent receipt and evaluation of your response by CFC do not commit CFC to award a contract to any offer even if all of the requirements stated in the RFP are met. CFC reserves the right to make no selection and enter into no agreement as a result of this RFP. Only the execution of a written agreement between CFC and an audit provider will obligate CFC in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in such agreement.

5. RFP Inquiries and Submissions
Inquiries to this request for proposal should be directed towards:

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