

Registration of Interest (ROI) - New South Wales Biodiversity Offset Service Provider

Supply Opportunity Name/ Summary	
Inland Rail is seeking a Service Provider/s to support Inland Rail's New South Wales Biodiversity Offset Program.	
About Inland Rail	
<p>Inland Rail is a fast freight line stretching approximately 1,600km that will connect Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.</p> <p>Inland Rail will enhance our national freight and supply chain capabilities, connecting existing freight routes through rail, roads and ports, and supporting Australia's growth.</p> <p>It will better link businesses, manufacturers and producers to national and global markets and generate opportunities for industries and regions during construction and beyond. Delivering Inland Rail will help us keep pace with the increasing freight demands of Australia's growing population.</p> <p>Shifting more goods onto rail means faster, more reliable freight; safer, less congested roads and fewer emissions.</p> <p>Inland Rail Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), is building Inland Rail on behalf of the Australian Government and all Australians, in partnership with communities.</p>	
Location of Works/Services	
<p>Narrabri to North Star (N2NS), New South Wales</p> <p>Narromine to Narrabri (N2N), New South Wales</p> <p>Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S), New South Wales</p> <p>Albury to Illabo (A2I), New South Wales</p> <p>North Star to the Qld / NSW Border (NS2B), New South Wales</p>	
ROI Publish Date	ROI Close Date
[23/10/2023]	[23/11/2023]
Scope of Works/ Services	
Inland Rail requires the Service Provider to complete field work, assessments and prepare reports and technical advice. The Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) is the method used to assess	

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biodiversity values of offset and impact sites through Biodiversity Stewardship Site Assessment Reports (BSSAR) and Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR), respectively.

The Service Provider must be able to provide multiple ecologists that are accredited under section 6.10 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) and demonstrate that accreditation can be maintained for the duration of the contract.

HSE Requirements

The Service Provider shall:

- Have appropriate risk management, environmental management and safety management systems in place that is appropriate for the nature of the Services being undertaken.
- Hold a safe work method statement including measures to demonstrate journey management planning.
- Possess the following insurances:
 - Professional Indemnity \$20 million (minimum)
 - Public Liability \$20 million (minimum)
 - Workers Compensation
- Agree to perform all work in accordance with specifications, and performance standards pertaining with codes of practice to the satisfaction of Inland Rail.
- Agree to obtain any licenses required in connection with the work.

Technical Requirements

The Services identified can be broken down into two parts, as follows:

Part A - Supporting the Inland Rail Biodiversity Offset Delivery Strategy for NSW

- Completing desktop assessments and rapid and preliminary field surveys of properties for establishing biodiversity stewardship sites and providing brief letter style reports.
- Identifying properties that may be suitable as a biodiversity offset site through a suitable method, such as GIS and targeted analyses.
- Completing detailed field assessments in accordance with the BAM, applicable survey guidelines and in consultation with the Environment and Heritage Group (EHG) on potential offset sites as well as on Inland Rail projects. Threatened species surveys and associated habitat polygon mapping may also be required to confirm presence or absence of particular species.
- Preparing BSSARs, Management Plans and other associated documentation to support an application for a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA).
- Completing due diligence on properties and landowners and gathering required documentation in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust's (BCT) BSA supporting documentation guide.

Part B – Supporting Offset Reduction Surveys

- Completing detailed field assessments in accordance with the BAM, applicable survey guidelines and in consultation with the EHG on Inland Rail projects. Threatened species surveys and associated habitat polygon mapping may also be required to confirm presence or absence of particular species.
- Preparing addendum BDARs to support a project modification request.

Business Requirements

The Service Provider shall maintain a pool of accredited assessors and ecologists for the duration of the contract and as appropriate to the scope of works.

Local Content Requirements

Inland Rail is committed to creating sustainable employment and economic development opportunities for local and Indigenous businesses and social enterprises.

Inland Rail commits to providing *full, fair* and *reasonable* opportunity for Australian entities to bid to supply goods, services and equipment.

Further information regarding Inland Rail's commitments are available at:
<https://inlandrail.artc.com.au/industry-participation-policy/>.

Other Information

Prospective suppliers should note that this is a market engagement exercise only.

This ROI process may be followed by a subsequent procurement process, including an Expression of Interest (EOI), Request for Quote (RFQ), Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Tender (RFT). Any subsequent procurement process will be governed by its own terms and conditions.

Instructions to suppliers:

If your business has the capability and capacity required to perform the stated scope of work, please submit a registration of interest against this ROI.

Please ensure that:

- Your company profile on ICN is up to date; and
- You respond to all ROI-specific questions; and
- You register your interest as a Full Scope or Partial Scope (where applicable) supplier through ICN Gateway.

Disclaimer:

Scope of Work/Services is indicative only and is intended to be used as a summary description of work which may be required by Inland Rail. This information may be subject to change. Full scopes of work will be made available to parties that are invited to tender or to whom a request for information issued. Inland Rail has no contractual or other legal obligation to registrants arising out of the ROI process with respect to the consideration, evaluation, acceptance or rejection of any registration of interest, or the failure to consider, evaluate or accept any registration of interest. Inland Rail may or may not contact interested suppliers at the company's discretion.