

Farm Water Project

Facilitator Specification – Water Friendly Farming Course

Background

The Ulster Farmers' Union (UFU) has been awarded funding through the DAERA Environment Fund for a Farm Water project, working in partnership with The Rivers Trust (TRT) and Countryside Services Ltd (CSL). There are three parts to the project

- i. to train and upskill CSL farm advisers on water quality issues,
- ii. review information that is provided to farmers
- iii. develop a training course.

The aim is to help farmers connect with the aquatic environment by increasing knowledge and awareness of the impact of farm activities on water and link with and prepare resources for the planned expansion of the Sustainable Catchment Programme (SCP) and future water quality projects. We see this project as laying the foundations for future work on farms around water quality across Northern Ireland and even contribute to water quality protection efforts on a cross-border basis where river catchments straddle the border.

Facilitator

For part (iii) of the project (developing a training course), we are seeking a facilitator to develop a training course and any necessary associated resources that can help improve understanding and awareness of farmers around assessing their own waterways and farmyards and the link to water quality.

Project Outline

Using the December 2024 'Scoping exercise report for content and delivery of a Water-Friendly Farming Course', develop and discuss with active farmers a course for farmers and industry representatives.

Project Outputs

The following outputs are required:

- Names and Addresses of participants who attend two farmer workshops
- A summary of the methodology used to produce the course
- A summary of key considerations
- A training course and any associated materials

Project Timeline

- The project timeline must be agreed with the Farm Water Project Steering Group
- Work must be completed by 28 February 2025
- The tenderer must provide updates as and when required to the UFU.

Budget

A budget of £7000 has been allocated for professional fees within the funding package for this aspect.

Submission

- The tenderer must outline their proposed methodology.
- The tenderer must outline their experience in conducting facilitated workshops.
- The tenderer must outline any experience with course development.
- The tenderer must outline their experience of working with farmers.
- The tenderer must outline their expected timelines and total costs for the project and their payment terms.
- The tenderer must outline any additional expenses that may be required as part of their costs for the project.

- The submission must be no more than 2 sides of an A4 page.

Company Outline & Contact Information

- Provide an outline of your company / organisation
- Provide evidence of your relevant experience – this can be in the form of other projects completed or relevant experience of personnel allocated to the project
- The tenderer must outline who will be the lead for the project and any others involved by providing their contact details (mobile number & email address)

Confidentiality & Data Protection

- Any personal, confidential or sensitive information collected from farmers or others as part of the review must be kept confidential and not shared with any other source without personal consent.

Process for submissions

The deadline for submissions **is 5pm on Tuesday 21st January 2025.**

Please email submissions to kryan@ufuhq.com only soft (*electronic*) copies will be accepted.