

Purpose

The purpose is to support small to medium meat processing businesses that are seeking to modernize their food safety systems and/or adopt new food safety and traceability systems. It provides an opportunity for businesses to receive support to determine and validate food safety risks; strengthen capacity to adopt protection and assurance systems that mitigate risks; and improve public trust as they grow their businesses. This support is available to provincially licensed meat processing businesses located in the province of Ontario.

Important Dates

Expression of Interest Forms will be accepted as of October 2025.

Implementation Support

The business can receive up to 100% of costs up to a maximum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) in support, paid directly to a third-party vendor, for the implementation of a third-party audited food safety system of their choosing and/or adopt new food safety and traceability systems.

Support for the Project comes from the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), a five-year (2023-2028) investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments.

Participating Businesses

A participating business must be a provincially licensed meat plant operating in the province of Ontario.

Projects

Projects must:

- » modernize food safety systems or;
- » adopt new food safety and traceability systems

Required Documents

In addition to your Expression of Interest Form, you must provide:

- » written quotes from third parties detailing the proposed costs for the project

After Submitting the Expression of Interest Form

After you submit your Expression of Interest Form, we will send you an acknowledgement email within 5 business days.

Complete Expression of Interest Forms will be assessed against merit criteria.

Selection Process

MPO will review completed Expression of Interest Forms on a first-come basis to determine whether the business can receive support.

Projects will be evaluated based on the extent to which the following criteria are met:

- » the project needs and benefits clearly demonstrate improved food safety and/or traceability and control risks
- » the project integrates multiple parts of the location's food safety/traceability system
- » specifically for the support for one-on-one technical support or advisory services, the business is pursuing certification to a national or international food safety program standard

If You Can Receive Support

We will email you about the decision.

If You Cannot Receive Support

We will email you about the decision. We will also email you a confirmation letter.

You will need to meet several obligations, including:

- » signing the contract
- » submitting a final claim and final report

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

SECTION A: Applicant Information

Legal Business Name: _____

Operating Name (if different): _____

Ontario Meat Plant License Number: _____

Business Address

Street: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Mailing Address (if different)

Street: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Primary Contact Person

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Employees: _____

Full-time: _____ Part-time: _____

SECTION B: Project Overview

Project Title: _____

Project Start Date: _____ Project End Date: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)

Project Type (Select All That Apply):

- ☐ Modernization of food safety systems
- ☐ Adoption of traceability systems

Brief Project Description (max. 300 words):

SECTION C: Support Request

Total Funding Amount Requested (CAD): \$ _____

Third-Party Food Safety System to be Implemented (if applicable):

- ☐ This system is recognized by the Global Food Safety Initiative

SECTION D: Attachments Checklist

- ☐ Written quote(s) from third-party vendors for proposed costs
- ☐ Qualifications of third-party vendor, including 2 references

SECTION E: Declarations and Consent

By submitting this Expression of Interest Form, I certify that:

- ☐ The business is a provincially licensed meat plant in Ontario
- ☐ The information provided in this form is complete and accurate
- ☐ I understand that submitting an Expression of Interest Form does not guarantee approval
- ☐ I understand that MPO may contact me for additional information

Authorized Representative Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Submission Instructions

- » Email your completed form and all required documents to:
technical@meatpoultryon.ca
- » Expression of Interest Forms are being accepted as of October 2025