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SRA seeks tenders to develop a sugarcane industry sustainability data framework

Sugar Research Australia (SRA) is seeking to adopt a digital data framework to meet future and existing sustainability reporting requirements for the Australian sugarcane industry in 2024.

SRA has called for expressions of interest (EOIs) and tenders from suitably qualified and experienced organisations to develop a structured sustainability data framework, incorporating digital solutions for future industry benchmarking.

SRA's Interim CEO Shaun Coffey said the data framework sought would deliver a systematic and streamlined approach to collecting farming and sustainability data, meeting the industry's current and future sustainability reporting requirements.

“SRA has worked with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to deliver two significant projects, the Life Cycle Assessment of raw sugar manufacturing and the development of a sustainability framework aimed at measuring and evaluating the environmental performance of the Australian sugarcane industry,” Mr Coffey said.

“Through this process, we identified the need for a more structured data collection framework that will ultimately assist in positioning the industry as a leader in profitability, environmental sustainability, and resource use efficiency.”

The sustainable data framework will be developed in collaboration with an Industry Working Group and external consultants leading the development of related initiatives. The work is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

The project's first stage will include farming data, yield, fertiliser rates, diesel usage for machinery operations and irrigation, irrigation rates, electricity usage for irrigation, water sources used in irrigation systems, and pesticide use.

The data will incorporate all sugarcane regions from the Wet Tropics in north Queensland to northern New South Wales.

Other data for the project's sustainability reporting will be identified through other sustainability initiatives to fulfil priority data gaps.

Submissions

The tender period opened on 25 January 2024 and closes on 23 February 2024.

All EOIs and tenders are to be submitted via SRA's research investments email: sraresearchinvestments@sugarresearch.com.au by 5 pm on 23 February 2024.

The request for tender (RFT) is available on the SRA website [here](#)

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