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Dear NLIS Third Party Integrators,

**Request for Proposal**

*Respond by: Wednesday 19th of March 2025 5pm, AEDT*

The Integrity Systems Company (ISC) invites you to provide a response for the NLIS Uplift Transition Support Grant as described in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document below.

Should ISC decide to engage with you and support your transition from the old to the new NLIS database, the Funding Agreement, NLIS System Access Agreement and the NLIS System Uplift Developer Portal and Testing Environment Terms of Use will be applied.

If you have any questions, please contact Renelle Jeffrey and send applications to Samarah Thrift.

**Renelle Jeffrey, Program Manager – Digital Adoption**

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**Samarah Thrift, Project Officer**

**Email:** sthrift@integritysystems.com.au

**Request for Proposal**

**Statement of Requirements and Response Schedule**

Integrity Systems Company (**ISC**) owns and operates the National Livestock Identification System (**NLIS**) database – and its supporting systems.  The NLIS database is a vital asset for the red meat industry and the state and federal governments of Australia. As a key enabler of red meat traceability, biosecurity and market access, investment in the NLIS database is crucial for our industry to respond to biosecurity risks and market access demands, of both today and into the future.

To support industry transition to the uplifted NLIS database, the Commonwealth also approved funding of $3.9 million (excl. GST) for the NLIS Database Uplift Transition Support grant. The purpose of the grant is to provide support to industry and government integrators, via pass-through funding, to assist with their transition to the uplifted NLIS database.

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| **Contact Details** | |
| **Title** | NLIS Database Uplift Transition Support – Third Party Integrators |
| **Contact Person** | Renelle Jeffrey  rjeffrey@integritysystems.com.au |
| **Application lodgement contact** | Samarah Thrift  sthrift@integritysystems.com.au |
| **Application Details** | |
| **Opening Date** | 12th of February 2025 |
| **Closing Date and Time** | 19th of March 2025 5pm, AEDT |

**General conditions**

**Evaluation**

**Submission Questions and Clarifications**

Please contact Renelle Jeffrey if you have any questions or require clarification on any topics covered in this Request.

Please note that questions and answers of broad impact or significance will be communicated to all applicants by issue of addenda.

**General**

ISC is not liable to any claim or payment, against any expenditure, direct or indirect, incurred by the applicant, during preparation of its application.

ISC reserves the right to:

* + - * 1. reject any application;
        2. close the right to submit applications at any time before the Closing Date, without giving any reason or communicating such closure to any person;
        3. accept late applications;
        4. accept any applications which do not otherwise comply with the terms of this request for application;
        5. withdraw this request for application or issue a new request for applications;
        6. vary the terms of this request for applications;
        7. negotiate directly with any person before or after the Closing Date;
        8. discuss with each applicant details of its application;
        9. proceed with the project on the basis of a different scope and performance requirements that differ to those set out in this request for application; and
        10. vary the application selection process set out in this request for application.

In addition to its rights above, ISC may decline to consider or accept any application from an applicant who does not satisfy ISC of the applicant’s ability to complete the application in accordance with its terms. ISC expects all applicants to behave in a courteous and professional manner and will not tolerate harassment or bullying from applicants. ISC may exclude applicants who exhibit unacceptable behaviour from this application process.

ISC is not obliged to disclose the nature of any negotiations, amendments, alterations, additions or other changes provided to an applicant, nor to offer or accept the same or equivalent amendments, alterations or other changes to other applicants.

Applicants are required to provide sufficient information so that all elements can be evaluated. Applicants are to note that ISC will not make any assumptions during the assessment, and hence it is the sole responsibility of the applicants to provide the complete information in their submission, which will enable ISC to evaluate the proposals. The applicant acknowledges and agrees that all material submitted by the applicant in response to this request for application will become the property of ISC on receipt by ISC.

**Evaluation**

Selection will be based on the applicant’s completion and submission of this RFP, especially its ability to meet fully the Statement of Requirement. All submissions will be evaluated by a Review Panel which will consist of an Independent Review Panel Chair, ISC subject matter experts, Commonwealth staff members and a Probity Officer.

Submissions will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

* 1. *Mandatory Criteria*
* Are you an existing NLIS integrator?
* Do you use the NLIS database for traceability, biosecurity, and/or food safety purposes?
* Has your system accessed NLIS is the past 12months?
* Can you demonstrate your business services to a sector of the red meat industry?
* Are you a recipient of any other Commonwealth grants and/or funding for traceability that would fund activities covered by this grant?
  1. *Experience and Capability*
* Provide evidence of NLIS integration between Jan and Dec 2024 (e.g., upload IDs, logs).
* Provide a list of NLIS transactions/queries that you use.
* Describe how you plan to deliver the transition/development work from old NLIS to uplifted NLIS database.
* Describe any possible risks that you think your business may encounter with this transition work and ways you intend to manage these risks.
* Describe how you will mitigate any risks associated with the transition to the uplifted NLIS database with your user base/customers.

In the evaluation of applications, the Review Panel may:

* + - * 1. have regard to knowledge and previous experience and dealings with an applicant;
        2. have regard to information about past and current performance of an applicant, including under any contract, arrangement or dealing with the applicant; and
        3. obtain and rely upon advice from any third party in respect of any legal, technical or financial matter.

The Review Panel may waive compliance with any of the terms of this request for applications and consider and accept any applications which do not conform with these terms.

The Review Panel may require an applicant to provide such further information as ISC or the Review Panel requires in order to consider the applicant’s materials and, if so required, the applicant must promptly provide such information.

**Confidentiality**

The contents of this request for applications and all other information and materials provided to you by or on behalf of ISC relating to this application, including information provided prior to the release of this document, are confidential to ISC, to the extent such information and materials are not publicly available or in the public domain at the time disclosed.

You must not use copy, reproduce, distribute or disclose such information or materials (except to your employees, agents, contractors and advisers for the sole purpose of enabling you to submit an application).

**Privacy**

ISC will collect your personal information for the purposes of administering this request for applications, including corresponding with you about this application and evaluating your application. If you choose not to provide some or all the required personal information, ISC may not be able to consider your application. ISC may disclose your personal information to its related entities, international offices, and representatives for the purpose of its business only.

**Binding agreement**

An applicant will not be deemed to have been accepted by ISC, nor any agreement arise between an applicant and ISC, until the successful applicant and ISC enter into the NLIS Funding Agreement. This request for applications does not form a contract between ISC and the applicant.

**Statement of Requirements**

This document invites existing NLIS Integrators to apply for support funding to transition from old NLIS database to uplifted NLIS database, as uplifting the NLIS database will break the APIs feeds between the NLIS and various systems, and they will require enhancement, improvement or a complete rebuild to integrate with the uplifted database.

**Requirements**

NLIS Integrators will be required to meet a series of criteria that ensures that they are eligible for the transition support funding. The Review Panel may seek additional information from Integrator applicants if more information is required to make funding decision.

The following documents will be a requirement to complete the project and receive full funding allocation, Integrator applicants must:

* Sign Funding Agreement (prior to project commencement)
* Sign NLIS API System Access Agreement (part of final deliverable)
* Demonstrate implementation of NLIS Uplift API to ISC
* Submit final deliverable template providing summary of project
* Submit a financial statement
  + Each integrator will be required to contribute, on top of the grant allocation, at least 20% of grant funds made available to them.
  + Integrators will be required to provide a Financial Statement at the end of the project demonstrating they contributed a minimum of 20% of the grant funds provided.

**Response Schedule**

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| **Name of Business:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Business (ABN):** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Contact person:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| **Response to Evaluation Criteria** | |
| Demonstrate how you meet each criterion. You may attach and reference any additional documents if required. | |
| **Mandatory criteria** | |
| Are you an existing NLIS integrator? | * Y/N |
| Do you use the NLIS database for traceability, biosecurity, and/or food safety purposes?  If used for other purposes, please provide details? | * Y/N |
| Tell us which sector of the red meat industry do you predominately service? (Select one) | Processor  Saleyard  Feedlot  Tag Manufacturer  Livestock Agency  On-farm management  Online livestock sale  Other – (provide details) |
| Do you provide a service in any other red meat industry sector(s)? | * *Provide details* |
| Are you a recipient of any other Commonwealth grants and/or funding for traceability that would fund activities covered by this grant? | * Y/N |
| **Experience and Capability** | |
| Provide evidence of NLIS integration between Jan and Dec 2024 (e.g., upload IDs, logs) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Provide a list of NLIS transactions/queries that you use. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Describe how you plan to deliver the transition/development work from old NLIS to uplifted NLIS database. For example consider capabilities, resources and timeframes. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Describe any possible risks e.g. technical and developmental, that you think your company may encounter with this transition work and ways you intend to manage these risks. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Describe how you will mitigate any risks external to your business associated with the transition to the uplifted NLIS database with your user base/customers e.g. communication, education, reputational risk | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Optional question for Integrators – tag manufacturers, processors, feedlot and saleyard only**

Provide details of any support you anticipate is required for your business to transition to the uplifted NLIS database. Include operating expenses and project budget total.

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| **Item** | **Justification / purpose**  (include description) | **Operating expense**  ($ AUD) | **PROJECT TOTAL**  ($ AUD) |
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Note – tag manufacturers are eligible up to $5,000 in support costs; Software providers for processors, feedlots and saleyards are eligible of up to $20,000 in support costs.

**Applicants statement (Declaration)**

* I certify that the information contained in this Response is true and correct and submitted in good faith.
* I have read and understood the terms of this document.

**Signed by Applicant**

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| **Signature** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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