



Government of the Republic of Vanuatu
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries & Biosecurity

Request for Expression of Interest

REOI Ref: MALFFB/DBV/PVET/CS/01/24 – Recruitment of Principal Veterinary Officer

MALFFB is seeking a suitably qualified veterinarian to take on the role of Principal Veterinary Officer (PVO) to be responsible in the management of animal health, public health, livestock production and market access of animal and animal products in the northern region and will be based in Port Vila, Efate.

The Principal Veterinary Officer will be working under the department of Biosecurity Vanuatu provide essential roles to facilitate safe trade of animals and animal products as well as ensuring that the disease-free status of animal health in Vanuatu is maintained. This is done in collaboration with animal health officers and livestock officers to carry out disease surveillances and providing updated reports on these activities. The veterinarian is also responsible for maintaining meat hygiene standards through the approval and supervision of slaughterhouses and butcheries.

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities: The Principal Veterinary Officer (PVO) will be required to provide the following services:

1. License the import of animals and animal products including frozen fish in compliance with Vanuatu legislation to protect Vanuatu's borders
2. Implement post-import quarantine measures, as required by import legislation for imported animals and animal products to protect Vanuatu's biosecurity
3. As directed liaise with potential importers of animals and/or animal products and the exporting competent authority and develop import risk analyses for new import requests
4. Certify the export of animals and animal products in compliance with Vanuatu legislation to provide credible animal health and product sanitary assurance for the importing country's competent authority
5. Assist with the development of animal disease surveillance systems to detect, report, and manage exotic animal disease incursions, new disease outbreaks, or changes in the animal health status, and assist in their application
6. Assist with programs aimed at improving and developing the animal production capacity of Vanuatu

Qualifications and Skills:

1. University Degree in Veterinary medicine;
2. Experience in administrative work, preferably in a developing country organization;
3. A demonstrated ability in financial management of development projects and in liaising and cooperating with Government officials, Donor partners, farmers and NGOs;
4. Self-motivated and availability to work under pressure;
5. Possess a positive attitude and work well with others;
6. Excellent verbal and writing communication skills in English or French;
7. Good knowledge of Word, Excel, Outlook, Internet Explorer.

There is no restriction on the nationality, citizenship or current residence of the candidate. Interested applicants will be required to submit a Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) and a copy of the full Terms of Reference can be downloaded from: www.biosecurity.gov.vu / www.devex.com

Responses for REOI should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to: **Locked Tender Box, Office of the Central Tenders Board Secretariat, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Top Floor, S.I.P Building, PMB 9058, Port Vila, Vanuatu** and be clearly marked with the Tender number and description as indicated above. Responses can also be emailed to *The Secretary, Central Tenders Board Office* on ctb@vanuatu.gov.vu with the subject "REOI Ref: MALFFB/DBV/PVET/CS/01/24 Recruitment of Principal Veterinary Officer.

REOI submissions are to be sent by **23rd September 2024 (2:00pm local Port Vila time [GCT+11])**

For clarifications of the content of this Request for Expression of Interest, and any further information, please contact Ms. Gwendoline Kalsev, Procurement Officer, Corporate Service Unit, MALFFB. Phone: +678 33220, email: gkalsev@vanuatu.gov.vu



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