

## Call for expressions of interest

### Sustainable Intensification Research Platform

#### Background

Defra is establishing three umbrella projects that will collectively form a research platform on the Sustainable Intensification of UK agriculture. These will be delivered by multi-disciplinary consortia that draw together organisations, expertise and facilities that represent UK research capability on agricultural, environmental and social sciences. Further details are given in the attached working paper.

The final programme specification will be designed based on (1) responses to this call for expressions of interest, (2) comments on the attached working paper and (3) the outputs of a scoping workshop for researchers and stakeholders, which will be held in London on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Attendance of this workshop will be by invitation but a limited number of spaces will be available on application in response to this call. Following this process, consortia to deliver the component projects will be selected through a competitive process. Please note that involvement in consortia will not be restricted to respondents to this call. We envisage that the programme will commence in autumn 2013.

#### Call for expressions of interest

This call aims to (1) gather expressions of interest from those interested in joining consortia and (2) collate input from research groups and organisations to inform the design and content of specifications of the core projects for the Sustainable Intensification Platform (SIP).

#### Responses

Responses to this call should be sent by email to [researchtenders@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:researchtenders@defra.gsi.gov.uk) by 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 with the heading “**EOI – Sustainable Intensification Research Platform**”. Please use the template overleaf and include the following information:

1. **Name, contact details and organisation**
2. **Aspects of the SIP platform** that you would be interested in contributing to (Please provide brief supporting information)
3. **Responses to the questions in Annex 1** of the working paper (optional)
4. Whether you would like your organisation to be represented at the **workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> April**. Please nominate a representative. (Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on the basis of response 2 above).

**Please note that responses to this call will be used to inform the development of a specification of a research call that will be let competitively. If you are not willing for elements of your responses to enter the public domain, please indicate clearly.**

For further information, please contact ([researchtenders@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:researchtenders@defra.gsi.gov.uk))

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### Required information

<b>Name</b>		<b>Email</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>		<b>Type of organisation</b>	Academic/ Industry/ NGO/ Government/ Other
<b>Address</b>			

Are you interested in attending the Workshop? Yes  No

If yes please provide the name and email address of the representative who will attend

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<b>Aspects of the platform that you are interested in (max 150 words)</b>
<b>Expression of interest for researchers/industrial partners (max 300 words)</b>

### Optional information

#### Theme 1: Integrated Farm Management

<b>Question 1: Please propose changes to objectives as necessary.</b>
<b>Question 2: Please suggest specific approaches that would help deliver these objectives.</b>
<b>Question 3: Please suggest suitable research facilities to host this work</b>
<b>Question 4: What other outputs would you like to see?</b>

**Theme 2: Delivering benefits at the landscape-scale:**

**Question 5: Please propose changes to objectives as necessary.**

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**Question 6: Please suggest specific approaches that would help deliver the objectives above.**

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**Question 7: Please suggest suitable research facilities to host this work**

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**Question 8: What other outputs would you like to see?**

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**Theme 3: Markets and drivers**

**Question 9: Please propose changes to objectives as necessary.**

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**Question 10: Please suggest specific approaches that would help deliver the objectives above.**

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**Question 11: What other outputs would you like to see?**

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