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BC Chicken Marketing Board
BC Turkey Marketing Board
BC Primary Poultry Processors Association
Animal Nutrition Association of Canada, BC Division
Lilydale Poultry Producers' Association

Dear Poultry Industry Stakeholder:

Re: On-Farm Biosecurity Initiative – Request for Proposals

The British Columbia Industry Agriculture Foundation has received a grant of \$1.5 million from the national Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Program from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to support industry-led on-farm biosecurity pilot projects. The funding is available to develop and implement pilot projects in B.C. that:

- actively engage the poultry sector to contribute to the development and adoption of biosecurity protocols;
- expand the poultry sector's capacity to prevent and respond to zoonotic disease infections in commercial and non-commercial flocks; and
- integrate sector-led piloted and tested projects into future federal, provincial, territorial government and industry initiatives.

To be eligible, projects must provide shared outcomes, meaning that challenges being addressed are national in scope and involve a variety of stakeholders throughout the poultry sector, and be industry-led solutions. Projects must also lead to the achievement of goals set in the British Columbia Poultry Industry Biosecurity and Emergency Response Strategic Plan. The strategic plan is available on line (www.iafbc.ca/poultry/index.htm). Projects must also complement and not duplicate existing programs and/or initiatives and where possible utilize existing materials, protocols and standards.

For more information on this initiative, please contact Lynn Elwell (telephone 250-294-0617 or e-mail lynnelwell@shaw.ca) or Coreen Moroziuk (telephone 778-371-7443 or e-mail iafcoreen@shaw.ca). The deadline for submission of project proposals is March 28, 2006. Proposals can be submitted by e-mail or fax (604-371-8118).

Best regards,



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