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On-Farm Automation and Innovation Program Application

Applications will be accepted between **July 3, 2024** and **August 15, 2024**

Step 1: Eligibility Requirements

I confirm that all the following conditions are met:

- ✓ Clients new to Programs since 2023 must complete the Program Funding Registration form. Returning clients must update the form as needed.
- ✓ Is a farm that is currently registered in the correct income category under the *Farm Registration Act*, or Mi'kmaq conducting farming activities in Mi'kmaq Communities
- ✓ Generate an annual eligible gross income of \$30,000 or more. The eligible commodity income will be based on the Statement of Farming Activities (T2042, T1273 or Schedule 125 – Farm Revenue: detailing sales by commodity revenue code
- ✓ Is at least 19 years of age.

Note: The above requirements must be met, otherwise the application will not be processed. Reference program guidelines for eligible projects, project timelines, and claim dates.

Step 2: Applicant Information

Business / Farm Name				
Applicant Name				
CRA Business Number				
Phone Number				
Email				
Mailing Address				
City / Town		County		Postal Code

Self Identification	
Note: this information is not part of determining program eligibility and is voluntary	
A) Applicant Self Identification	
Select all that Apply	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (Individuals 40 years old and <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Mi'kmaq <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> African Nova Scotian <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to identify

Step 3: Details about your Proposed Project(s)

County of Project Location (select one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annapolis | <input type="checkbox"/> Antigonish | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Breton | <input type="checkbox"/> Colchester | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumberland | <input type="checkbox"/> Digby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guysborough | <input type="checkbox"/> Halifax | <input type="checkbox"/> Hants | <input type="checkbox"/> Inverness | <input type="checkbox"/> Kings | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunenburg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pictou | <input type="checkbox"/> Queens | <input type="checkbox"/> Richmond | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelburne | <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria | <input type="checkbox"/> Yarmouth |

Project Summary (should clearly reflect the focus of the project and this application)

Describe how the project can advance Nova Scotia agriculture by Building Sector Capacity, Growth and Competitiveness. (20 points)

Describe the level of innovation. (20 points)

How will the proposed project impact Nova Scotia's agricultural sector as far as competitiveness, sustainability, and profitability? (15 points)



What other industry stakeholders are involved with the proposed project? (15 points)

Describe any plans of how information regarding the project will be shared to reach the wider Nova Scotia agricultural industry. (20 points)

Check all that apply to this project. This project will:

- Increase profits: \$_____ (CAD)
- Improve competitiveness
- Reduce production costs: \$_____ (CAD)
- Improve processing productivity/efficiencies
- Improve facility or equipment
- Help improve product quality
- Create jobs. # of full-time created: ____; # of part-time: ____
- Reduce labour needs. # of full-time: ____; # of part-time: ____
- Increase exports: dollars volume # of products
- Displace imports: dollars volume # of products
- Create new or expanded markets

Step 4 – Project Budget

Eligible Activities	Additional Activity Detail	Project Cost(s)
Contracted Labour	<i>Details</i>	
Material and Supplies <i>Provide an expected list with your application</i>		
Knowledge Transfer	<i>E.G.: communication materials, extension events, registration fees and travel costs</i>	
Training Related to New Technology	<i>Trainer details</i>	
Software Subscriptions Related to New Technology	<i>Specific to the approved project</i>	
Specialized Equipment Purchases	<i>Specific to the approved project</i>	
Leased Equipment for Automation or Innovation	<i>50% of the first year of the lease will be eligible and not the total value of the equipment</i>	
Project Cost		

Declaration, Authorization and Consent

By submitting this application form, I acknowledge and agree with the following:

- I have disclosed accurate, true and complete information to the program administration to date and I will continue to provide accurate, true and complete information which is not misleading;
- I have read the Program Guidelines and, if the application is approved in whole or in part, I agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the Program Guidelines;
- I consent to the audit and verification of the information at any time prior to project commencement, during work, or upon completion of the project. Such audit and verification may be performed by the Province of Nova Scotia, Government of Canada or other parties chosen by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture for audit and verification purposes;
- I consent to the use and disclosure of the information by officials of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, officials of programs offered by the Government of Canada or Province of Nova Scotia, and cooperating funding partners, where the information is relevant for the purposes of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining program funding;
- I agree to repay any amount determined through audit or inspection that is deemed to have been provided in excess of the program funding to which I am entitled;
- I consent to the release of my name and the amount of any funding received under the Program as public information, to be actively disseminated by the Province of Nova Scotia and Government of Canada;
- I acknowledge that any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes to which I have consented above, will be subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOI/PIPA)*;
- I consent to representatives of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture contacting me to discuss the results of the Program;
- I consent to the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture publishing the results of the Program with respect to the farm which may include my name, my farm location, the amount received and details about the projects associated with this Program; and
- I confirm that I have the authority to bind the applicant.

Applicant Name (print)

Applicant Signature

Date

Return completed Application to:

**Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture
Programs Office**

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