

# FRIAA FRIP Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI)

Data Storage and Distribution Solution

October 2024



## Q&A Information Session

Date: **October 16, 2024**

Time: **1:00 p.m. (local Edmonton time)**

RFEOI Due – November 21, 2024, 2:00 p.m. local Edmonton time.

Any additional questions can be submitted in writing to [admin@friaa.ab.ca](mailto:admin@friaa.ab.ca) until 4:00 pm on November 18. Answers will be posted to the FRIAA website within 24 hours after receipt.

### General FRIAA Comments:

- Please read the RFEOI and application template carefully when developing Expressions of Interest (EOIs) and complete all sections of the application template.
- Please ensure that EOIs are clear and concise to facilitate the review process.
- The purpose of this RFEOI is to provide FRIAA with a data storage and distribution solution for data collected through the Forest Resource Improvement Program (FRIP).
- Data types may include 2D and 3D imagery, LiDAR Data, shapefiles and geodatabases, and other spatial data.
- FRIAA is seeking a comprehensive, long-term solution to organize, store, search, and distribute the data.
- **FRIAA requests that the data be housed within Canada.**
- The EOIs will be reviewed shortly after the closing date. The review committee will make a recommendation to the Board in early December. Applicants invited to the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase will likely be notified in mid to late December.

### Questions from Information Session

**QUESTION #1:** Does FRIAA have a particular interface in mind for users?

**ANSWER #1:** FRIAA does not have a specific interface in mind, preferably one that is easy to use, be robust enough to ensure longevity, and achieves the outcomes of the RFEOI.

**QUESTION #2:** The RFEOI indicates FRIAA has collected over 150 TB of data. Over how many years was this data collected and does FRIAA expect the rate of collection to increase or decrease?

**ANSWER #2:** Most of the large datasets were collected between 2018 to present. The rate of collection is driven by industry and available funding. We expect that it maybe somewhat cyclical and likely the rate of collection may drop in the near term.

**QUESTION #3:** Who are the consumers of the data and how does FRIAA intend to proceed with regards to data access?

**ANSWER #3:** Current users of the data are academic institutions, research groups, and FRIAA members. At this time individuals/groups who request data must sign a data licence agreement that includes a specific data use statement. In the immediate future, FRIAA expects a form of data licence agreement will still be required to access data. Future users of the data may include other industries, broader research groups, consultants and

others interested in using the data. This may be an opportunity for future sustainment of the data storage and distribution solution.

**QUESTION #4:** Where is the RFEOI package located?

**ANSWER #4:** The RFEOI package is located on the FRIAA website at:

<https://friaa.ab.ca/current-funding-opportunities/request-for-expressions-of-interest-frfp-data-storage-and-distribution-solution/>

(click on “here” to download)

**QUESTION #5:** What is the expected timeline for the RFEOI and RFP process?

**ANSWER #5:** The RFEOI closes November 21, 2024. The EOIs will likely be reviewed the following week, and a recommendation to the FRIAA Board will be made in early December 2024. Applicants invited to the RFP phase will be notified in mid to late December. We expect the RFP to close at the end of January 2025.