**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

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| **EOI Reference** | 2025-1047-EOI98 | **EOI Close Date** | 30/09/2025 |

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| **Project Code** | 2025-1047 | **Research Organisation** | Risk and Injury Management Services Pty. Ltd. (RIMS) |
| **Project Title** | Facilitated exoskeleton trials and adoption in red meat processing facilities (Overarching project) |

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| **Project Summary** |
| This project will support 10 processors to purchase and trial exoskeletons over a 12-month period, with support from RIMS, to encourage adoption. It builds on previous projects that have demonstrated the successful use of these technologies across various industry applications and environments, particularly in improving safety outcomes through the reduction of musculoskeletal injuries. Chris Fitzgerald from RIMS will conduct preparation work for the site trials and provide onsite expertise for 4 days. During this time, he will collaborate with each site to identify the best roles for exoskeleton application and assess the most suitable exoskeletons for each specific use case, enabling plants to make informed purchasing decisions. Over the 12-month period, Chris will also facilitate an industry group to share learnings. Each plant will be required to stay in contact with Chris to evaluate the effectiveness of exoskeleton adoption 12 months post-implementation. |

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| **Type of Industry Participation Required** |
| ConsultationOn-Site TrialsProvide DataSite EvaluationSite VisitWorkshop |

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| **Detailed Requirements for Participation** |
| Please note that as a condition of involvement, all participating processors will be required to make a cash contribution to the overall cost of the project. The cost per plant will be determined prior to contracting on a pro-rata basis and is expected to be no more than $28,300, which includes the purchase of $40,000 worth of exoskeletons.  |

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| **Benefits of Participating** |
| 1. Enhanced Worker Safety and Well-being: Exoskeletons can reduce physical strain on employees by supporting posture and joint movements, potentially decreasing the risk of musculoskeletal injuries common in the meat processing industry. This leads to fewer injuries and improved long-term health for workers.
2. Improved Productivity and Efficiency: By assisting workers in physically demanding tasks, exoskeletons can help improve performance and reduce fatigue. This results in greater productivity, as employees can sustain longer periods of work with increased precision and efficiency.
3. Early Access to Cutting-edge Technology: Participating processors will have the opportunity to trial and implement some of the most advanced exoskeleton technologies available globally, giving them a competitive advantage by staying ahead of industry trends.
4. Informed Investment Decisions: The hands-on testing experience, combined with detailed insights into the capabilities and limitations of the exoskeletons, enables processors to make well-informed decisions regarding their investment in this technology, ensuring it aligns with their operational needs.
5. Customised Support and Training: Participants will receive comprehensive guidance on setting up, maintaining, and utilizing exoskeletons effectively in a meat processing environment. This includes training on cleaning and daily use, ensuring successful long-term implementation.
6. Access to Industry Expertise and Networks: By joining a red meat industry network group, participants will gain ongoing communication and support from a community of users who are adopting similar technologies. This network will offer valuable knowledge-sharing opportunities and best practices for further adoption.
7. Contribution to Industry-wide Innovation: Participating processors will help pave the way for broader adoption of exoskeleton technologies across the industry, potentially influencing safety standards and productivity improvements industry-wide.
8. Data-Driven Safety Improvements: With support for reviewing changes in safety data 12 months post-implementation, participants can track and evaluate the impact of exoskeletons on worker safety, helping them make evidence-based adjustments to their operations.

By taking part in this project, processors will not only enhance the working conditions of their employees but also contribute to the long-term competitiveness and innovation of the red meat processing industry. |

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**EOI RESPONSE FORM**

If you are interested in participating in the work being undertaken as part of project **2025-1047 Facilitated exoskeleton trials and adoption in red meat processing facilities (Overarching project)**, please complete this form and return it to **eoi@ampc.com.au** no later than COB **30/09/2025**.

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**Member Details**

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| **Processing Company** |       |
| **Participating Plant/s\*** |       |

\*If the Processing Company has multiple sites, please note which plant/s will be participating in the project

**Contact Person**

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**Participation Type**

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| Please select the activities you are interested in participating in:[ ]  Consultation[ ]  On-Site Trials[ ]  Provide Data[ ]  Site Evaluation[ ]  Site Visit[ ]  Workshop |

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| **Important Note** |
| Members are responsible for assessing individual Projects, including the risks, benefits and terms of engagement with the relevant Research Organisation proposed to undertake the Project. By completing and submitting this EOI Response Form, or subsequently agreeing to participate in the Project to which this EOI Response Form relates, the member agrees that AMPC accepts no responsibility or liability to the member or any of the member's employees, contractors, representatives and agents in connection with the EOI Response Form or any Project to which the EOI Response Form relates, and the member releases AMPC from any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred in connection with the member's submission of this EOI Response Form or its participation in any Project to which this EOI Response Form relates.The member is responsible for negotiating the terms of any interaction between it and the Research Organisation regarding the Project, including access to premises, safety procedures, and being responsible for obtaining and maintaining adequate insurances. |
| **Signature of Authorised Member Representative** |       |
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