



STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT OUTLOOK

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) & Ministry of Fisheries (MFish)

Period Covered:	1 July – 31 December 2011	Last Updated:	1 June 2011
		Next Update:	31 December 2011

Mission

MAF/MFish in Transition

As part of the work to improve performance across the state sector, the Government announced on 10 March 2011 that MAF and MFish will merge to create a single agency focussed on the protection and sustainable management of the natural resources used in primary production. The legal merger will take place on 1 July 2011.

The benefits of the merge include:

- a stronger and more innovative primary sector, earning more export dollars for New Zealand;
- more integrated strategic policy advice on long-term economic growth from primary production industries;
- increased capacity and capability in engagement with iwi;
- increased capacity and capability in science and risk management;
- more effective interactions with primary sector stakeholders and local government on regulatory issues, biosecurity and food safety.

The merger will reduce duplication and operational costs. It is expected that a proportion of savings from the merger will be shared with the sectors and industries we work with, effectively reducing the cost to those doing business with us.

Mission

MAF's vision is 'growing and protecting New Zealand'. We are developing a new organisational strategy which positions us as an enabling and partnering organisation which will be focussed on the success of the primary sectors (from producers through to processors and exporters) for the benefit of all New Zealanders. We will contribute to New Zealand's prosperity by delivering robust policy and better facilitating primary production and trade. The integrity of supply chains from producer to consumer is critical.

The Government's goal to grow the economy in order to deliver greater prosperity, security and opportunities for all New Zealanders is our key driver.

Our three long-term outcomes that will contribute to the Government's goal are:

- ECONOMY – Sustainable economic growth and increased prosperity for New Zealanders
- PEOPLE – Healthier New Zealanders
- ENVIRONMENT – Maintained and enhanced economic, social and cultural benefits from the natural environment.

Policies & Programmes

Because our organisational strategy is being developed, we are focusing on capability initiatives currently under way (including those associated with “bedding down” the MAF – New Zealand Food Safety Authority and MFish amalgamations) and further developing initiatives relating to change programmes being rolled out in the organisation. Where possible, we will initiate capability initiatives required to implement our new organisational strategy – the most important relating to people capability.

Overarching Purchasing Objectives

In order to achieve the outcomes prescribed above, we procure a variety of goods and services.

Our key purchasing activities and requirements relate to:

- Biosecurity Response, Eradication & Control and Surveillance
- Research Services (including Scientific & Operational Research) & Impact Assessments
- Monitoring & Analysis and Data Collection
- Communications
- Information Management, Technology & Services
- Enterprise and Facilities Management Purchasing
- Product & Maintenance and Service Contracts
- Consultants & Contractors
- Policy Agents, Territorial Authority Initiatives Fund, Public Health Unit & Sector Capability Building

General Information

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