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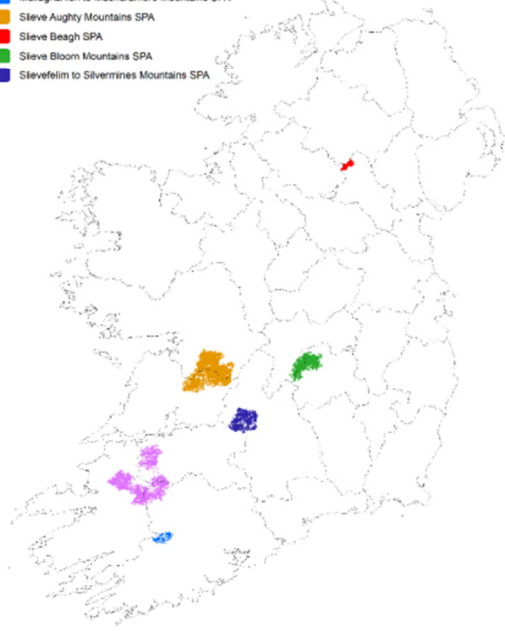
## Hen Harrier Project

### Request for Tenders for Cattle Weighing Services.

The Hen Harrier Project is seeking tenders for the provision of a cattle weighing service in two Special Protection Areas designated for breeding Hen Harrier. This service can be provided by an individual, a partnership or a limited company.

**Role:** The role is to provide farmers with accurate information on the weight of animals at the start and finish of the grazing season. This information will facilitate adaptive management of livestock and better utilisation of the grazing resource.

**Areas:** The service will be provided to selected farmers in the following SPAs designated for breeding Hen Harrier.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The Stacks, Mullagherierks, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA.</li><li>•Slieve Aughties SPA</li></ul>	<p><b>Hen Harrier SPAs</b></p> <p><b>Site name</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stack's to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA</li><li>Mullaghanish to Musheramore Mountains SPA</li><li>Slieve Aughty Mountains SPA</li><li>Slieve Beagh SPA</li><li>Slieve Bloom Mountains SPA</li><li>Slievefeim to Silvermines Mountains SPA</li></ul> 
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Tenderers are asked to state which SPA(s) they are applying for. The decision on the successful tenderers will be made at SPA level. This means that there are two separate competitions, one for each SPA.

**Commencement:** The service will commence on May 24th, 2018.

**Tasks:**

- To weigh cattle belonging to approved farmers at their farm or farmyard twice in the 2018 grazing season
- To provide a digital printout of the weight of each animal to the farmer.
- To record the Farmer Hen Harrier Programme ID, animal tag number, weight, breed, gender and age for each animal.
- To provide this information to the Hen Harrier Project on an excel sheet.

It is anticipated that the service will be provided to approx. 50 farms in 2018. There will be a minimum of 20 farms in each of the two SPAs. Animals must be weighed within 48 hours of an order being placed in respect of a farm, (Note Orders will not be placed on Fridays or weekends). A report (Excel format) on the animals weighed must be forwarded to the Hen Harrier Project.

No charge can be made to the farmer for the provision of this service.

**Equipment:** The successful tenderer(s) must provide all equipment needed for the delivery of the service. Weighing scales must have been calibrated in the 3 months prior to the commencement of the service.

**Contingency Arrangements:** What provision is it proposed to make to ensure the continued delivery of the service in the event of the unavailability of the operator due to holidays/ illness etc or due to equipment failure or malfunction.

**Reporting:**

The providers of the service will report to the Hen Harrier Project Agricultural Officer.

**Insurance:**

The providers of this service must have €6,500,000 public liability insurance cover in place before any contract is entered into.

**Costs:**

Costs must be expressed as the cost per site visit and per animal weighed. Potential applicants should note that there is an upper limit on the costs that the Project will consider. This upper limit has been determined by an assessment of the rates prevailing in the market for this service in early 2018. Tenders in excess of this ceiling will not be considered. For commercial reasons the upper limit for quotations will not be disclosed.

The price quoted must not include any variable component (other than animals weighed), e.g. distance. The service is to be provided on any selected farm containing land within the SPA being applied for. The price quoted must be based on a call out charge and a per animal weighed component.

Payments will be made monthly in arrears. Rates will not be changed over the duration of the contract. Payments will only be made on receipt of a valid invoice from the tenderer to the Hen Harrier Project. All payments will be by electronic funds transfer. The Hen Harrier Project may request a valid Tax Clearance Certificate from tenderers prior to a contract being signed.

**Submission of Tenders.**

All tenders must be in a hardcopy format and must be addressed to:

Tender for Cattle Weighing Services  
The Project Manager  
The Hen Harrier Project  
Unit No. 2 Oran Point, Main St  
Oranmore  
Co. Galway

Any queries should be made to the Project Manager at 087 6058670 or by email to [fergal.monaghan@henharrierproject.ie](mailto:fergal.monaghan@henharrierproject.ie)

**Closing Date:** The closing date for this competition is April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.



**Selection of Cattle Weighing Contractors:**

Contractors will be selected by a tender evaluation Committee. In their tender applicants are advised to provide information on their experience, qualifications, equipment used and a sample report on the weighing of an animal and experience and the overall cost of the provision of the service from May 23<sup>rd</sup> until October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Tenders will be marked on the basis of

Cost:	300 marks
Equipment:	300 marks (minimum score of 150 required)
Qualifications:	100 marks
Experience:	200 marks
Contingency Arrangements	100 marks

The Hen Harrier Project is not obliged to accept any tender in respect of this Request for Tender. The Hen Harrier Project reserve the right to cancel this competition at any time.

The Hen Harrier Project reserve the right to update this request for tenders or to provide supplementary information in relation to the competition up until 7 days before the closing date.



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## Application Form

Name

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in providing Cattle Weighing Services in the following SPAs:

Please tick to indicate the SPA(s) that you are interested in providing a service.

The Stacks, Mullagherierks, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA	
West Limerick, North Cork (Ballydesmond/ Newmarket area), North Kerry	
Slieve Aughties	
Galway/ Clare	

You can apply for one or both SPAs. If you wish to quote a different rate for each SPA you should submit a separate tender in respect of each SPA.

**Operators:** Name the individuals who will operate the service: Describe experience with the handling and weighing of cattle.

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**Equipment:** Describe the equipment that will be used in the provision of this service including any calibration history. Please attach a sample report on an animal weighing event.

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**List any relevant qualifications held by the operators of this service:**

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**Provisions for Contingency Cover:**

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**Cost:**

Call out charge \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum Number of animals that will be weighed for the call out charge \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per additional animal weighed \_\_\_\_\_

All prices quoted must be exclusive of VAT. All prices should be for farms within the SPA being applied for and must not include any distance or other variable charge. The charge for this service will not change over the term of the contract. It is not permissible to charge the farmer using this service any fee.

**References.**

Please give the details of two referees who can vouch for your experience in this or similar tasks.

Referee 1	Referee 2
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____ _____ _____	Address: _____ _____ _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____

This form is to be completed and returned to

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