

Expressions of Interest – Evaluation



CRC  **Time**
Transformations in Mining Economies

Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

EOIs are sought to undertake a rapid evaluation for CRC TiME.

Please provide written responses addressing the below by close of business on Thursday 15 August.

The EOI should include:

- an overview of respondents' capability and capacity to undertake this work.
- an outline of how you would undertake the work.
- evidence of understanding of CRC TiME's purpose and scope.
- a proposed budget.

Following review of EOIs, CRC TiME may select a single organisation and work with the organisation to develop a full proposal and work plan, or we may select a shortlist for interview and then request a full proposal from shortlisted organisations.

We will advise EOI respondents of the outcome by mid-September.

Please contact Jillian D'Urso, External Relations and Impact Director, at jillian.durso@crctime.com.au for any inquiries.

EOIs should be sent to hello@crctime.com.au.

Background

CRC TiME is a Cooperative Research Centre working to bring together diverse partners to help reimagine and transform what happens when mining ends.

Established in 2020, we are the world's only research organisation dedicated to improving mine closure and post-mine transition outcomes.

CRC TiME is funded through the Australian Government's CRC Program and through the financial and in-kind support of our more than 75 participant organisations.

CRC TiME funds research projects across multiple disciplines and conducts a range of engagement and outreach activities to facilitate change.

Context

We are now in our fifth operating year and we want to understand our progress.

While we undertake a range of ongoing monitoring activities, we would value additional support to further understand our progress and impacts.

Task

CRC TiME is seeking a contractor to undertake a rapid evaluation.

The purpose of the evaluation is to:

- review progress against our mission, commitments and objectives. These are outlined in the CRC TiME 2021-24 Strategic Plan as well as supporting research, impact and First Nations Inclusion strategies and frameworks.
- further understand partner and key stakeholder satisfaction with this performance.
- identify some of the impacts we may have contributed.

Scope

This task involves a strategic level evaluation of CRC TiME's activities. It is intended to be undertaken as largely desktop exercise with some opportunities for partner and other engagement.

Desired outcomes

From the evaluation, we hope to:

- gain further understand of our progress to date, including of intended and unintended impacts.
- demonstrate transparency and commitment to continuous improvement.
- gain insights that help us better target activities during our next phases.

Key evaluation questions

These would be developed with CRC TiME.

Method

The method should be developed by the contractor. It should align with our structure and focus as a Cooperative Research Centre.

Consideration should be given to our vision, mission and strategic goals, as well as First Nations Inclusion Strategy, including First Nations Inclusion Principles.

Timing

We aim to commence the evaluation by early September, subject to response and availability.

A final report should be available in October, with progressive updates throughout.

Deliverables

As part of the delivery of the evaluation, the contractor would develop:

- a proposed method for the evaluation.
- a timeline.
- a mid-point summary.
- a final report.
- a final presentation, including slides, highlighting key findings and recommendations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Available data sources

CRC TiME collects a range of data that could be used as part of the evaluation process. This includes, but is not limited to:

- assessment of progress against Commonwealth Milestones.
- a map of progress against Impact Framework objectives and indicators.
- event, meeting and webinar attendance data.
- records of CRC TiME staff, research and partner involvement at external forums.
- qualitative feedback from forums, surveys, social media, emails and other channels.
- examples of where CRC TiME research outputs have been referenced or applied.
- a list of publications by CRC TiME staff and researchers as well as publications referencing CRC TiME-funded work.
- a catalogue of media articles.
- summary information about how research helped understand and/or define a problem (e.g foundational project reports and fact sheets).
- collated information from College and other meetings where partners were asked to identify CRC TiME's contribution to date.
- social and digital media data, including the ability to segment social media followers by industry and role.
- case studies and references featured in partner documentation, such as Annual and Sustainability Reports.
- overview of CRC TiME research projects to date, with the scope and list of partners and outputs of each project.
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