



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Unique training opportunity for northern Australia beef industry service providers (private, public and NGO) to attend the new *Grazing fundamentals* workshop plus one other EDGE workshop of their choice

BACKGROUND

MLA's *EDGEnetwork*[®] (EDGE) offers professional and practical learning opportunities to help producers gain knowledge and develop skills necessary to improve their livestock enterprises.

The EDGE workshops were developed by industry specialists and tested by producers to guarantee their quality and relevance. The educational and informative format encourages producers to expand their current expertise, learn new skills, be motivated by other producers, access the latest information and subsequently make positive changes in their business. MLA-approved professional workshop deliverers with exceptional technical expertise and adult learning skills ensure producers gain the most benefit from the EDGE workshops.

To help extend the benefits of this training as widely as possible throughout industry, MLA is offering early to mid-career beef industry service providers in northern Australia the opportunity to attend the new *Grazing fundamentals* workshop plus an EDGE workshop of your choice. The EDGE workshops that you can choose from are *Breeding EDGE*, *Business EDGE*, *Grazing land management EDGE* or *Nutrition EDGE*.

DATE: 27 November to 1 December 2017

LOCATION: Conference Centre, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, 25 Yeppoon Road, Rockhampton, Queensland

VALUE: \$2750 (GST included)

SPECIAL PRICE: \$300 (GST included) per successful applicant. This price includes workshop materials, lunch and morning and afternoon teas. Participants are responsible for their travel and accommodation costs.

As places are limited to ensure the best training experience possible, interested service providers are required to submit an Expression of Interest to attend the training by Monday 8 September 2017.

EOI OBJECTIVES

This training activity is targeted at private, public and NGO service providers working with beef producers in northern Australia. The objective of the Expression of Interest is to identify service providers who will be able to use training in the EDGE principles with their clients to support them to adopt new technologies and implement practice change.

EOI APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, applicants will be required to provide their contact details and answer the following questions via the online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/edgetraining2017 by 8 September 2017:

- Describe your role as a service provider to the grazing industry in northern Australia.
- How will this training help you support the objective of increasing adoption and practice change in northern Australia?
- Please number the EDGE packages in preferential order (from 1 to 4) that you would most like to attend: *Breeding EDGE*, *Business EDGE*, *Grazing land management EDGE* and *Nutrition EDGE*.

Applications will be evaluated by a selection panel approved by MLA. Applicants will be selected based on their response to the Expression of Interest. The selection panel will recommend applicants to MLA who will make the final decision.

Timeline

EOI applications due	8 September 2017
EOIs assessed and applicants notified of outcome	25 September 2017
Successful applicants confirm their attendance	3 October 2017
Payment due	10 October 2017
Training conducted	27 November to 1 December 2017

ADMINISTRATION AND PAYMENT

MLA has contracted the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) to undertake the project “Facilitating industry practice change via service provider *EDGEnetwork* training”. One activity of this project is to coordinate the “Training of early to mid-career service providers (public, private and NGO)”. MLA retains responsibility to approve the applicants for training that are recommended by the selection panel.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about this training opportunity please contact Steven Bray, DAF, on 0428 103 072 or steven.bray@daf.qld.gov.au.