



## Expressions of interest are invited from organisations supporting industry to develop Safety Management Systems

### **Purpose:**

The Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012 defines general safety obligations on both the Owner and Master. The Owner has a general safety obligation to implement and maintain a safety management system that ensures that the vessel and the operations of the vessel are, so far as reasonably practicable, safe.

The Master also has a general safety obligation aboard the vessel to, so far as reasonably practicable, implement and comply with the safety management system for the vessel and the operations of the vessel. <http://www.amsa.gov.au/domestic/vessels-operations-surveys/certificates-of-operation/>

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) is rolling out a program of risk management and SMS workshops to help industry meet the National Standard for Commercial Vessels, Part E Operations. A number of other organisations are also delivering SMS training to meet Part E.

FRDC recognises that some industry sectors face particular challenges in accessing these programs, possibly due to location, timing, English language proficiency, or sector specific operations. These specific needs may be beyond the scope of these other programs. This funding will complement those programs by addressing these challenges.

### **Eligible applicants:**

- Industry associations on behalf of members
- Fishing enterprises where planned activities benefit a group of operators/enterprises
- Training/service providers delivering SMS training to the target group

### **Target group:**

The operational level of industry, with activities targeted to fishing vessels (class 3B, 3C, 3D and 3E) and trading vessels (classes 2B, 2C, 2D and 2E) operating as charter fishing vessels, with a particular emphasis on small vessel operators.

### **Funds may be used to:**

- Offset costs of customising training delivery/resources to meet specific sector requirements
- Offset costs of delivering training workshops that would not otherwise be delivered through other programs e.g. cost, distance or timing constraints
- Offset costs of training for industry operators or a representative, where learning will benefit multiple operators – e.g. 'Train the trainer' - may be appropriate where there are a small number of operators in a remote area.

Scope for funding does not extend to assessment of compliance against standards.

### **Links to other programs**

As funding is limited (the total amount of FRDC funding is \$100,000), applicants are urged to identify additional or alternative sources of support.

Before submitting an expression of interest, FRDC highly recommends that you first contact the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) to enquire about AMSA's program of risk management and SMS workshops currently being rolled out for industry.

AMSA may provide funds to cover:

- Train-the-trainer sessions
- Workshop printed materials and workshop promotional activities
- Venue Hire
- Trainer costs

There is opportunity for FRDC funds to support AMSA's program. Please contact AMSA via email at [operationalsafety@amsa.gov.au](mailto:operationalsafety@amsa.gov.au) or by calling (03) 8612 6026.

**Assessment:**

Expressions of interest will be assessed on the basis of:

- Need for financial support
- Value for money
- Engagement with small operators
- Geographic and sector distribution of funds
- Likelihood of the activity delivering improved safety outcomes

**How to submit an expression of interest:**

Expressions of interest should be submitted by an eligible applicant to FRDC. The expression of interest form is attached.

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Expressions of interest close 1 August 2015

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Applicant organisation (name and business address):	<i>Eligible applicants: Industry associations; Fishing enterprises where planned activities benefit a group of operators; Training/service providers</i>
Contact person (name, position):	
Contact details (Phone, email):	
Industry sector:	
Amount of funds requested (including GST):	
Funds are requested to (Please indicate one or more):	<p>Offset costs of customising training delivery/resources to meet specific sector requirements</p> <p>Offset costs of delivering training workshops that would not otherwise be delivered through other programs e.g. cost, distance or timing constraints</p> <p>Offset costs of training for industry operators or a representative, where learning will benefit multiple operators – e.g. ‘Train the trainer’ - may be appropriate where there are a small number of operators in a remote area</p>
Description of the planned activity:	
Location/s of planned activity:	
Participants (estimated number of operators involved, region/s):	
Other partners involved in the activity (e.g. AMSA, training provider):	
Contact details/website for other partners (if applicable):	
Detail of other funds identified to support the activity (source and amount):	

Detail of any in-kind support (source, estimated value and description of support):	
Why do the target operators need this funding?	
<p><i>Note: The total amount of FRDC funding for this program is \$100,000. Applicants are urged to identify additional or alternative sources of support. Applications that duplicate other current programs are unlikely to be supported.</i></p>	
What are the risks associated with the planned activity and how will they be managed? (E.g. securing industry participation)	
Contact with Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)	I have contacted AMSA to discuss available support. YES NO
List of any attachments supporting this expression of interest:	
<b>Submission:</b>	<p><b>Expressions of interest close 1 August 2015</b>  <b>Expressions of interest should be submitted to FRDC.</b>  <b>Contact: <a href="mailto:jo-anne.rusco@frdc.com.au">jo-anne.rusco@frdc.com.au</a></b>  <b>Phone (02) 6285 0423</b></p>

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