



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT113901
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	Calibration/test equipment-BWIS
Promoters Name:	MACPO Engineering Services Ltd trading as Blackwater Weighting & Instrumentation Services
Address:	Ballinlevane East, Ballyduff Upper, Co. Waterford
Description:	The promoter is looking to invest in new test equipment to replace and upgrade existing equipment. He is also working towards remote testing where all temperature measurements will be in the cloud so you can access the information anywhere and it will send alert messages etc if it exceeds limits, providing peace of mind.
Theme:	LO2 Rural Enterprise Development to foster rural job creation
Sub-theme:	SA2.1 Capital investment in existing technology
Link to LDS	Creating jobs & supporting rural enterprise

Total Project Costs	€12,345		
Eligible Project Costs	€12,345		
Funding sought by promoter:	€6,172.50		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First review		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€6,172.50		
Details of private funding:	€6,172.50 own funds		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Investment in new calibration testing equipment to enable the promoter to continue providing a testing service but also moving towards remote testing and automatic reporting		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 50%
	Temperature bath	€8,063.25	€4,031.63
	Pressure Calibrator	€2,727.75	€1,363.87
	Temperature Standard	€1,554	€777
Total Funding		€12,345	€6,154.50

Was an assessment completed?: Date: <u>15-10-2020</u>	Yes
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes, direct tendering was used to select suppliers and the most economic advantageous tender process used to pick the chosen supplier
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	Three quotations were sought and three were received though one was just outside the deadline. However, based on the value of the equipment supplied, two quotations were sufficient
Innovative Element of the project:	The new test equipment is state of the art facilitating faster turn around times. All temperature measurements will be in the cloud where you can access the information anywhere and it will send alert messages etc if it exceeds limits, providing peace of mind. The software is easy to use and accessible from anywhere providing regular reports, audits and efficiency ratings.
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project would only proceed on a very reduced basis with limited capability. The promoter has limited funds available and given the investment in this new technology will add greater value to his business proposition
Consideration of Displacement:	This is the only business of its type in the area. The nearest competitor is Douglas Calibrations, Hanley Calibrations in Cork
Economic justification for project:	The promoter has developed the business in a careful and structured way, creating profit and also providing jobs.
Average Score for Project:	79/100
% level of aid & ceiling:	50% of eligible expenditure €12,345 = €6,172,50
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as presented. A maximum of €6,172.50 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser for the following reasons: - 1) The project scored 79/100 2) The project fits the Local Development Plan (LDS) Local Objective for Rural Enterprise development 3) Funding this project sustains employment in a rural area and helps the promoter create greater efficiencies within his businesses.

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
1 seasonal/part time	2	€6,172.50 own funds	€0

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
LEO	Correspondence sent on the 12-10-2020	No response

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -

- Ms Claire Connors advised that promoter Mr Philip Noonan is a qualified instrument & electrical engineer who manages and runs a successful Instrumentation and Calibration company in Ballyduff Upper.
- The promoter is expanding his business venturing into remote temperature mapping systems by upgrading his calibration equipment. This will give him up to date reports and the ability to act on an issue remotely by logging into the software which is in the cloud.
- The Committee agreed that it is a very good project and funding will help the promoter expand his business and make it more efficient.

A maximum of **€6,172.50** or 50 % of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Amount Recommended: €6,172.50	50% of Eligible Project Funding: €12,345
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Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee Committee Member

Date: _____ Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: _____ Claire Connors _____ Dated: _____ 29-10-2020 _____

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:

(for example a photo of the building to be renovated/machinery being purchased, etc)

Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 28/10/2020

Time: 11am - 12:30pm

Project Title: Calibration test equipment - Buis

Project Reference Number: 31202WAT113901

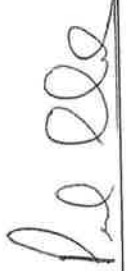
Assessment Criteria	Objective	Issues raised by Evaluation Committee	Weighting	Score
Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG business plan for the relevant measure?		Yes / NA	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 <u>5</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>5</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>5</u>		19	15
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 <u>5</u> - Track Record 6/25 <u>5</u> - Structure of Business 6/25 <u>5</u> - Necessary skills base 7/25 <u>5</u>		25	20
Financial Viability	Are the project costs justifiable (reasonableness of costs) and / is funding available to co-fund the project? - Overall Costs 7/25 <u>5</u> - Co Funding 6/25 <u>5</u>		25	19

	Financial Plan	6/25	4		
	Deadweight	6/25	5		
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?			13	10
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?			18	15
Total				100	79

N.B. Project must receive a minimum score of 65% prior to being recommended for approval.

- Has the potential level of deadweight been assessed for this project? YES / ~~NO~~
- i.e. would the project proceed without LEADER funding? ~~YES~~ / NO

Recommendations of the Evaluation Committee: Recommend funding as presented.

Signature: 

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 28/10/2020

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Thursday 29 October 2020 12:43
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Evaluation Committee meeting on 28th October 2020

Dear Denise,

I have reviewed the draft minutes of the Evaluation Committee Meeting held on 28th October 2020 and I am in agreement with them.

Paul Clerkin
Chairperson
WLP Evaluation Committee

