



# Media Release

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## RDCK takes over management of Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors

Nelson, BC: In spite of a change in its management structure, the innovative and highly successful Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors Program will continue to support local producers.

The Program is a partnership of the Regional Districts of East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary and the Columbia Basin Trust, and has been managed by the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) since its inception over six years ago. In 2024, the management of the Program has shifted to the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), though the daily administration of the program will continue to be done by a consultant on the partners' behalf.

“With the change in oversight shifting from the RDEK to the RDCK, we felt this was also an opportune time to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the administration contract,” explains RDEK General Manager of Development and Protective Services, Michele Bates. “The current contractor has done an outstanding job. They have taken it from an untried, pilot initiative and developed it into a robust Program that offers education, support and extension services to hundreds of producers around the Basin. We want to acknowledge and thank them. A great deal has changed in the six-plus years since the first RFP was issued. Issuing a new RFP will help ensure the contract remains cost effective and incorporates the vision and needs of the Program into the future.”

The RFP, which closes on March 22, 2024 at 4:00 pm PST, has been posted on [BC Bid](#) and the [RDCK website](#).

To learn more about the Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors Program and the services it provides, visit <https://kbfa.ca>.

*Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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