

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

Submission Deadline: Date: September 24, 2021 Time: 5:00PM

Legal Name: Indian Associations Co-coordinating Committee of Ontario Inc. o/a Chiefs of Ontario

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SEND PROPOSAL TO:

Attention: COO Director of Education, Julia Candlish

A proposal must be submitted as a PDF file. The proposal must be received by Chiefs of Ontario no later than the deadline date. A proposal submitted in any other manner or late may be disqualified.

The proposal shall be irrevocably open for acceptance and binding on the Facilitator for fourteen (14) days after the Submission Deadline date.



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COO Education Sector: Economic Analysis of Post-Secondary Attainment for First Nation Students

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

You are invited to submit a proposal for a project by the Chiefs of Ontario to produce a report on returns to post-secondary education for First Nation learners in the Ontario region.

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

Chiefs of Ontario (COO) supports all First Nations in Ontario as they assert their sovereignty, jurisdiction, and their chosen expression of nationhood. The main objective of the Chiefs of Ontario office is to facilitate the discussion, planning, implementation and evaluation of all local, regional and national matters affecting the First Nations people of Ontario. Guided by the Chiefs in Assembly, COO upholds the self-determination efforts of the Anishinaabek, Mushkegowuk, Onkwehonwe, and Lenape Peoples in protecting and exercising their inherent and Treaty rights.

The COO Education Sector is currently working to support First Nations and Provincial Territorial Organizations in Ontario as they carry out engagement on First Nations post-secondary education. The engagement process is the result of a recommendation in the First Nations Post-Secondary Policy Proposal, in which the Assembly of First Nations called on the federal government to provide a three-year funding commitment for First Nations across Canada to develop new regional models for federal programs that support First Nation post-secondary students. The culmination of the engagement process will be a final report for the Ontario region, including recommendations for new regional models that will support the individual needs of First Nation post-secondary students in Ontario.

As part of the engagement process, the COO Education Sector is seeking the services of a consultant to estimate the private and social returns to post-secondary education of First Nation learners in Ontario, including a benefit-analysis of post-secondary financial aid programs. This work will help inform development of proposals for new regional models for post-secondary financial aid programs, policies and services for First Nation students in Ontario.

OBJECTIVES:

The successful bidder for this project will produce a report that will:

- Describe existing gaps in post-secondary education between Ontario's First Nation and non-First Nation populations.
- Discuss the available research on private and public returns to post-secondary education – including, but not limited to, the areas of health, culture, government support expenditures, innovation, etc. – paying attention to issues in First Nation communities.
- Use appropriate data and quantitative techniques to estimate the private and public benefits of post-secondary education for First Nation peoples in Ontario, with a clear discussion of assumptions and methodology.

- Examine evidence on cost-effective approaches to higher PSE attainment for First Nation peoples, including financial aid (loan and grant) programs.

Throughout, attention should be paid to data and other informational gaps, as well as differences between on- and off-reserve First Nation peoples.

DELIVERABLES:

- Initial meeting to finalize methodologies, work schedules, communication to be scheduled the week of October 4, 2021
- Interim report including detailed methodology between November 1, 2021 and November 12, 2021
- Final report by: January 31, 2022

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:

The successful applicant will be required to transfer the copyright of the research and written materials to the Chiefs of Ontario. However, the name of the successful applicant will appear on the Final Report as the author of the Report. The Chiefs of Ontario will acknowledge the author of the report in any publication or distribution of the report. This acknowledgement shall appear at the beginning of the report in no less than 12 Times New Roman font. Further, any citation to this report shall acknowledge the author.

PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE:

- A demonstration of your expertise in addressing issues related to research and analysis of First Nation post-secondary education, including private and public returns to post-secondary attainment;
- A work plan in alignment with the project deliverables within the provided timeframe;
- A list of data sets that may be required from Statistics Canada Research Data Centres;
- A proposed budget for the completion of the work with a budget schedule in alignment with the completion of each project deliverable for a maximum amount of \$40,000.
 - Do not include costs of accessing data through a Research Data Centre. Applications for data will be filed separately by COO and amended to reflect the selected proposal.
 - Current data on the Post-Secondary Student Support Program is available for use by the selected proposal
- **BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT OF PROJECT:**
 - PROCESS
- **OBJECTIVES AND KEY DELIVERABLES:**
 - METHODOLOGY
 - WORKING RELATIONSHIP
 - REQUIRED SCHEDULE WITH MILESTONES

• **PROFESSIONAL FEES SCHEDULE**

Work Components	Estimated Hours	Hourly Rates	Est. Cost (Hours times Rates)	Est. Time Completion
Contingency Rate				
Total Cost & Completion Dates				

Additional considerations for proposals:

- The contractor must commit to a firm price for the entire contract. No increases during the course of the contract will be allowed. All subcontractors' fees must be included in the quoted fees;
- Expenses should be estimated and explained with the Professional Fee schedule;

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

All submission will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Quality of the proposal;
- Capacity of the applicant to undertake the project;
- Appropriateness of the project budget and timelines;

COO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO:

- Reject any or all proposals received;
- Enter into negotiations with one or more applicants on any aspect of the proposal;
- Accept any proposal in whole or in part;
- Cancel, modify or reissue this document at any time;
- Verify any and all information provided in the proposal.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

All submissions must include the following:

- Cover Letter;
- Detailed work plan with all deliverables accounted for;
- Completed fee schedule of estimated budget in alignment with deliverables;
- List of data sets required from Statistics Canada;
- CVs and References

RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

Packages to be clearly marked:

“RFP: COO Education Sector—Economic Analysis of Post-Secondary Attainment” by

DATE: September 24, 2021 TIME: 5:00PM

Submit electronically to: **Julia.Candlish@coo.org**

Submissions received after the stated deadline will not be accepted.

Selection of consultant will be awarded the week of September 27, 2021.