
Métis Nation of Ontario, Education and Training branch – Research Consultant – Call for Proposals

Program description:

Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Education and Training branch has been delivering employment and training programs and services to Métis people across Ontario since 1996. Current education funding (K-12) is provided by the Government of Ontario, Ministry of Education under the parameters of the 2010 work plan implementing the MOU signed with MNO in 2009. Under the MOU, the Ministry has agreed to fund MNO to investigate the best practices in support of Métis student achievement and self-identification. This project supports the implementation of the MNO Education Action Plan and the Ministry of Education First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework.

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MNO seeks immediately a proven consultant/consulting company to coordinate and perform research and evaluation (to include recommendations) of Métis education barriers, challenges, opportunities and best practices leading to support for Métis student achievement and self-identification. A comprehensive report must be completed by January 16th, 2011. There may be some flexibility depending on proposed work plan. The main elements of the plan will be drawn from MNO Education Action Plan, the Ministry's policy framework (as noted above). The consultant will need to work closely with the MNO Education and Training branch senior management. The successful candidate will produce 5 hard bound copies of the report, an electronic PDF camera ready version, a word version of the text, all (photos, tables, etc) visual material, original data collected (which may include interview transcripts, etc), and present the final document to senior MNO management. Successful applicant will have:

- Strategic knowledge of Métis education (K-12) in Ontario and other parts of Canada
- K-12 Education evaluation expertise
- Strong communication skills

Scope of Work:

1. Evaluate the nature of student supports, how these apply to Métis student achievement and self-identification (this may include engagement with key stakeholders, educators, staff, etc).
2. Based upon a review of existing literature make recommendations for enhancements to programs, services and overall operations related to Métis education.
3. Provide final research report with complete summary of all findings and recommendations.

Proposal Guidelines:

The proposal should include a plain language summary of the research and evaluation plan, research and evaluation methods for Métis education, supports for achievement and self-identification, programs, methods and approaches to make recommendations, any ethical considerations, a list of activities and corresponding timelines to complete the plan, a detailed budget, and description of expertise (including CVs for all contractors and subcontractors to be engaged in this project). A short but concise work plan is required. Preference may be given to Aboriginal consultants or Aboriginal owned consulting companies.

More information on existing programs and services can be found at www.metisnation.org or feel free to contact Dr Chris Paci, Manager 613-798-1488 or 1800-263-4889.

All submissions should be received at the MNO head office, by August 30, 2010, by noon (EST), to the attention of Chris Paci, Manager, or via fax (613-722-4225) or email (chrisp@metisnation.org).

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