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**PAUKTUUTIT**

**INUIT WOMEN OF CANADA**

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Research on Midwifery Legislations.**

## About Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada

### Mission

Grounded in Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ), Pauktuutit partners with Inuit women, communities, and organizations to advocate for and provide guidance to improve the health, economic, safety, justice, and ultimately empower Inuit women to have greater opportunities to thrive.

### Vision

Inuit women and our families live in safe, healthy and thriving communities and have access to social, cultural, economic and political advancement.

### Values

We are guided by Inuit Values and Principles.

We are Collaborative.

We are Inclusive.

We are Innovative.

We embrace ethics and integrity.

### Strategic Priorities

Amplify the voices of Inuit women and gender-diverse Inuit.

Advance Pauktuutit's Inuit-specific GBA+ Framework.

Increase Representation of Inuit women in leadership.

Invest in our Team.

### How we Work

Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada (Pauktuutit) is the national representative organization of Inuit women in Canada and is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors from across Canada. Our mandate is to foster a greater awareness of the needs of Inuit women, and to encourage their participation in community, regional and national concerns in relation to social, cultural and economic development.

Pauktuutit's work, grounded in Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Principles and our Inuit-specific gender-based analysis (GBA+) framework, spans the following key portfolios: social and economic development, violence and abuse prevention, justice, health and wellbeing.

### Pauktuutit's Needs

Establishing access to midwifery as a cultural, sexual and reproductive health right is the foremost strategic priority of Pauktuutit's health and wellbeing unit. Following the National Inuit Midwifery Forum, Pauktuutit recognizes the need for evidence-based data to inform a multi-year plan that will guide Pauktuutit's national advocacy for the sexual and reproductive health rights and needs of Inuit.

## **The research will include the following:**

1. Identify and analyze legislative, regulatory, structural, policy-based, and any other systemic barriers to restoring Inuit midwifery and birth services to Inuit communities in Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nunavut, and The Northwest Territories as well other provinces with large Inuit populations such as but not limited to Alaska, Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba.
2. All available data on medical evacuation due to childbirth across Inuit Nunangat, including Inuit communities in Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nunavut, and The Northwest Territories.

## **Invitation to Vendors**

This Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is an open call to individuals, firms, or organizations to provide a comprehensive proposal to conduct environmental scans, literature reviews, and legislative or policy analysis reports on Indigenous midwifery legislation. This RFP is issued by Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, a not-for-profit corporation funded by the federal government. Pauktuutit reserves the right to reject any submissions.

## **Instructions to Vendors**

Proponents should submit their proposals in a single PDF electronic file to Yasmina Pepa, Director of Policy, at [ypepa@pauktuutit.ca](mailto:ypepa@pauktuutit.ca), and Fatima Adebanjo, Senior Policy Analyst, at [fadebanjo@pauktuutit.ca](mailto:fadebanjo@pauktuutit.ca).

Subject line should indicate “Research on Midwifery Legislations ”  
Proposals submitted in any other manner will not be accepted.

## **RFP Timeline and Process**

Issue Date: September 25, 2024

Deadline for Inquiries: October 18, 2024

Proposal Submission Deadline: October 28, 2024

Virtual Interviews: October 30 - November 4, 2024

Anticipated decision date: November 11, 2024

The duration of this work will be from November 18th, 2024 – March 31st, 2025.

## **Mandatory Requirements**

The proposal must include:

- An executive summary.
- A summary of the qualifications and experience of the proponent organization.
- A summary of your approach, including proposed tactics and deliverables.

- A summary of your experience in non-profit and Indigenous/Inuit led organizations and/or midwifery service delivery, including three relevant case studies.
- References for three clients for whom the proponent has conducted research within the past three years.
- Proposed team members (name, title, biography, relevant qualifications/experience).
- Proposed team structure specific to this account.
- Budget and timelines for each activity.

### **Confidentiality**

All information received by the Proponent provided by or obtained from Pauktuutit in any form or connection with this RFP is the sole property of Pauktuutit and must be treated as confidential.