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PAUKTUUTIT
INUIT WOMEN OF CANADA

PAUKTUUTIT INUIT WOMEN OF CANADA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Research on Midwifery Service Delivery, and Education Programs.

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

1. A database of existing Indigenous midwifery service delivery and education programs.
2. A review of existing midwifery programs and best practices of Indigenous midwifery across Canada, and Alaska for creating sustainable Inuit midwifery training and education programs.

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 report on Indigenous midwifery services, training, and education programs. 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, and Fatima Adebajo, Senior Policy Analyst, at fadebanjo@pauktuutit.ca.

Subject line should indicate "Research on Midwifery Service Delivery, and Education Programs"

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.

Evaluation Process

Pauktuutit will evaluate and score proposals based on the following rating criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
<p>Qualifications and experience of the Proponent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal shows recent and relevant evidence of research work for national non-profit organizations. • The Proposed team and structure are adequate; team roles are well considered. • Strong relevant qualifications and experience on team, with expertise in Midwifery, Inuit political structures, sexual and reproductive health. • Experience working with Inuit/Indigenous non-profit and women’s sector organizations at national and/or international level is preferred but not mandatory • References are recent and relevant and demonstrate a range and depth of experience and success • Case studies demonstrate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strong knowledge of midwifery services delivery, women’s health sexual and reproductive healthcare. ○ Strong knowledge of Inuit political structure. ○ Strategic results and value for money. ○ Ability to customize approach to fit organizational objectives. 	35%
<p>Organization of Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal content illustrates a clear knowledge of Pauktuutit’s needs and aligns strongly with requirements outlined in this RFP. • Proposal is written clearly and is effectively organized. 	25%
<p>Virtual Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoughtful and high-quality discussion that demonstrates a strong 	25%

understanding of Pauktuutit's needs as articulated in the RFP. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positive interpersonal dynamics and good chemistry with Pauktuutit's team.	
Pricing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fairness of price in relation to market value.• Value of services described relative to our needs	15%
Total	100%