



GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3

The GOVERNMENT of THE ANISHINAABE NATION in TREATY #3

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Title: Treaty #3 Food Sovereignty

Due: April 30th, 2024

1. GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3 BACKGROUND:

Treaty #3 Mandate:

Protecting the future of our people by ensuring the protection, preservation, and enhancement of Inherent and Treaty rights

This is achieved by advancing the exercise of:

- Inherent jurisdiction
- Sovereignty
- Nation-building and;
- Traditional Governance
- With the aim to preserve and build the Anishinaabe Nation's goal of self-determination.

We accomplish these goals with Treaty/territory wide approaches in cooperation with communities, Tribal Councils and organizations who work with the Anishinaabe in Treaty #3.

Within the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3 our technical staff:

- Employ strategic approaches
- Develop capacity building plans to match self-government priorities
- Link political direction and programs through policy development and law making for a national system.
- Propose implementation options for the realization of a National Vision
- Promote new ways of doing business
- Provide policy and administrative support to the network of programs and services that operate in the Anishinaabe Nation
- Promote efficient, effective, transparent, and accountable Anishinaabe services
- Identify gaps and work to reduce gaps and overlap
- Act as a Secretariat to the National Assembly and Grand Council
- Provide administrative support to Chiefs committees

2. OUTLINE OF PROJECT:

The successful applicant will complete a proposal that seeks to accomplish the following through a **pre-feasibility study that outlines ways to:**

1. Establish access to fresh foods within all Treaty #3 communities via centralized trade centres within the communities
2. Work in collaboration with Treaty #3 organizations and Treaty #3 communities
3. Develop trade centres to enable Treaty #3 community members to order products or access a broader market
4. Develop bidirectional economies with the Treaty #3 communities

5. Develop training within Treaty #3 that facilitates increasing community capabilities of maintaining and operating food system infrastructure, including year-round growing within Treaty #3 communities
6. Develop food sovereignty within Treaty #3 communities by working towards within-community year-round growing

The proposal must consider the Four Directional governance model of Treaty #3, and must involve four pilot communities in each of the four directions. Please see www.gct3.ca for more information on the Four Directional Governance Model.

The proposal must outline a way to assess:

1. Barriers Treaty #3 communities face with food sovereignty
2. Action plans to overcome common barriers
3. Identify significant areas of work as a way of more accurately planning the scope of work
4. Direct community engagement and feedback

The success proposal will set Treaty #3 up for success to begin to:

- 1) Access to fresh foods for all 28 Treaty #3 communities
- 2) Reduce reliance on the medical system from diet-related disorders
- 3) Reduce reliance on emergency food and medical supply services, which can be facilitated by trade centres
- 4) Increase employment opportunities within Treaty #3 communities
- 5) Increase access to educational curricula within Treaty #3 communities at the grade school and adult education levels
- 6) Reduce barriers for Treaty #3 businesses or individuals to access the broader market for sales and marketing.
- 7) Reduce barriers for Treaty #3 businesses to access food processing facilities in centralized roadway communities which benefits food businesses broadly across the region.
- 8) Food sovereignty within Treaty #3 communities once growing facilities are established and properly staffed with individuals trained through the curricula developed.

3. FEES FOR SERVICE

Proponents shall propose hourly, daily, block and/or fixed fees as they deem appropriate.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Firms/consultants submitting bid packages should be sensitive to the potential for conflicts of interest that may prevent their retention by Grand Council Treaty #3. All potential conflicts must be disclosed in any bid package. Whether a conflict of interest is sufficient to prevent retention of a proponent is in the sole discretion of Grand Council Treaty #3.

5. REQUIRED CONTENTS OF THE BID PACKAGE

A full bid package is required with the contents set out below.

- Successfully outline a proposal and solution to the above project outline, including work plan, timelines and project budget

-The name, address and contact person for the firm, along with a brief description of the firm's/consultants main areas of business and experience.

- The name(s) of the person(s) within the firm/consultant who propose to do the work, along with their curriculum vitae and a description of relevant experience.
- The names and telephone numbers of two clients who can provide references, particularly in development of communications material, organizing meetings and understanding what material would interest citizens of the Nation regarding our shared history.
- Disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest.
- Identification of any experience working with First Nations and/or First Nation organizations. Experience in Treaty 3 is preferred but not required.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

The evaluation criteria may include, but not be limited to, the following (not in any order of importance)

- Assessment of responses to the RFP
- Assessment of the completeness of the RFP package
- Number, qualification/expertise and past experiences of the individuals who would be conducting the work for the contractor
- Knowledge/familiarity with working on behalf of a First Nation client
- Cost effectiveness of proposal
- Finalist interviews (if any) at the discretion of Grand Council Treaty #3
- Information obtained through references
- Lack of conflicts of interest

All packages submitted with the requirements will be reviewed and evaluated. Grand Council Treaty #3 reserves the right to select a bid based on written material only.

Firms responding to this RFP may be requested to provide additional information or address specific requirements not fully explored in their initial submissions.

Grand Council Treaty #3 reserves the right to reject any RFP submitted.

7. SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Firms/Consultants wishing to submit a bid package must prepare a package containing the required materials and send in electronic format **on or before April 30th, 2024** to:

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