**Request for Proposals**

Consultant Services for an Indigenous Sexual and Reproductive Justice Project

Introduction:

Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc, The Mino Pimatisiwin Sexual Wellness Lodge is seeking proposals from qualified Indigenous Sexual and Reproductive Justice consultants with extensive experience with working alongside Indigenous birth givers. Applicants will provide coordination and early implementation of a project model to address Syphilis/Congenital Syphilis rates in Indigenous Communities. We invite experienced and qualified professionals to submit their proposals in response to this Request for Proposals.

Project Description:

The Mino Pimatisiwin Sexual Wellness Lodge is an Indigenous-led, Harm Reduction based sexual health clinic. We value Indigenous Body Sovereignty, and within that we honour longstanding traditions of Indigenous medicines and health practices, incorporating them within our Indigenous led framework for sexual wellness. (See attached the MB Mino Pimatisiwin STBBI model of Care)

The ideal candidate would have experience with and knowledge of the following:

* Indigenous birth and birthwork
* Sexual health, including a culturally safe and sex positive approach to care.
* STBBI prevention, treatment, and care.
* Harm reduction interventions and supporting people who use drugs through pregnancy
* HIV prevention care and treatment, and specifically supporting people with HIV through pregnancy
* Culturally safe and transformational health care for Indigenous Communities.

The successful candidate will invest in the culture and approach at the Lodge and values working in a team that is invested in meaningful sexual wellness that is grounded in Indigenous knowledge and science. The Mino Pimatisiwin Sexual Wellness Lodge prioritizes relationship building, without judgment. We practice meeting people where they’re at in order to provide safe, meaningful, and community oriented care with a focus on sex positivity. The successful consultant will work in-line with the lodge's teachings, supporting us in our continued effort to be a safer space for our relatives and an accessible resource to our community.

The successful candidate will ensure that all program activities are respectful of Indigenous cultures, traditions, and beliefs. They will align all project work to center Indigenous knowledge and be inclusive of Indigenous languages and customs.

Scope of Work/Contract Deliverables: Sexual and Reproductive Justice Consultant - Congenital Syphilis Education and Support

1. Needs Assessment and Program Planning

Conduct a thorough needs assessment within Indigenous communities to identify the current knowledge, cultural beliefs, and practices related to congenital syphilis.

Collaborate with key stakeholders, including community leaders, healthcare providers, and Indigenous organizations, to gather insights and perspectives on addressing congenital syphilis in a culturally safe manner.

Develop a comprehensive program plan based on the findings, outlining the objectives, strategies, and culturally safe methods for education and support.

2. Educational Material Development

Create culturally tailored model for delivering education and support to Indigenous communities who have and are facing congenital syphilis.

3. Community Engagement and Training

Train Indigenous community health workers on how to deliver the educational content and provide support effectively.

Utilize culturally appropriate teaching methods and materials to engage community members.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

Support the evaluation of this project by working with evaluation consultants and ensuring that evaluation tools are administered and provided to the evaluation consultant to ensure project evaluation is taking place. This should include evaluation of any training or resources that are developed within the scope of this project. In collaboration with the evaluation consultant and present findings to Mino Pimatisiwin Sexual Wellness Lodge. Evaluation methodology and tools should be aligned with the Lodge model and Indigenous evaluation practices.

5. Collaboration and Communication

Work closely with Mino Pimatisiwin Sexual Wellness Lodge and relevant Indigenous community leaders, organizations, and healthcare providers to ensure a coordinated approach.

Provide ongoing communication and updates to all stakeholders involved in the program. Attend staff meetings and regular Lodges to ground the deliverables in the work and practice culture of the Lodge.

6. Budget Management

Manage the allocated budget efficiently and transparently, ensuring that expenses are within the agreed-upon budgetary limits.

7. Project Closure and Reporting

Prepare a final comprehensive culturally safe project model to address Syphilis/Congenital Syphilis rates in Indigenous Communities.

Timeline: ASAP for 1 year

Contract: $55,000.00 (GST included)

Please send your letter of interest, CV, and a proposed project timeline to Ka Ni Kanichihk by March 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Please send all correspondence and submissions to:

Zen Ihsan, Human Resources and Office Manager, [hr@kanikanichihk.ca](mailto:hr@kanikanichihk.ca)

Contract award:

Ka Ni Kanichihk will interview prospective consultants and will award the contract following the interview process. Indigenous candidates will be prioritized through this search.

Appendix: MB Mino Pimatisiwin STBBI Model of Care