

Contract Criteria for Expert Writer to Support the General Comment on Indigenous Issues

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child will make the final selection of the expert to assist them in developing the General Comment on Indigenous Issues. The candidate will sign a service contract with the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada (FNCFC) and will be responsible to FNCFC for the fulfillment of all contract terms including proper consultation with the Sub Group on Indigenous Children and Youth, The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and other key stakeholders.

Contract Deliverables:

1. Consult with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and other relevant stakeholders the UNCRC may identify, to determine both the proper content and process for the development of the General Comment on Indigenous Children.
2. Seek the input of members of the Sub Group on Indigenous Children and Youth regarding the content areas for the General Comment within 30 days of contract initiation.
3. Assist with the development of a thorough literature review on Indigenous child rights in international law and customary law.
4. Develop a draft General Comment reflecting the input of the UNCRC, ISG and the literature review for the review of the ISG members within 45 days of contract initiation.
5. Integrate feedback of the ISG and submit to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child within 60 days of contract initiation.
6. Integrate comments by the UN CRC on the draft document
7. Seek second round of input from the ISG and other relevant stakeholders and integrate feedback.
8. Submit final document to the UNCRC (time frame to be established but to be no later than January 31, 2007).
9. Attend one meeting with the UNCRC to present and discuss the draft General Comment.

Preference will be given to Indigenous candidates.

Contract payment amount and payment schedule:

Maximum aggregate amount of contract: 7000 Euros. Payment schedule: 1) 500 Euro upon signing 2) 2000 Euro payable upon receipt of the draft General Comment to a standard of quality acceptable by the UNCRC and the contract holder 3) 2500 Euro payment upon receipt of second draft of the General Comment integrating the feedback of the UNCRC and the ISG again to a standard of quality acceptable to the UNCRC and the contract holder and 4) a final payment of 2000 Euro payable upon satisfactory completion of the contract.

Qualifications:

1. Demonstrated experience working respectfully with Indigenous and non Indigenous peoples on an international level.
2. Minimum of Master degree in the social sciences, human rights, law (or equivalent).
3. Demonstrated knowledge and expertise in Indigenous customary law respecting child rights, the Convention of the Rights of the Child and other international treaty body instruments and organizations respecting Indigenous child rights.
4. Demonstrated excellence and proficiency in written and oral communication in English. Knowledge of other UN languages an asset.
5. Proficiency in the use of e-mail, word processing and presentation software.
6. Demonstrated experience in developing documents that require meaningful reviews of relevant literature as well as consultation with others.
7. Demonstrated ability to produce quality work within defined time frames.

All candidates must submit a cover letter indicating their suitability for the position, a Curriculum Vitae, a sample of their writing and two letters of reference that directly speak to their ability to fulfill the terms of the service contract no later than 4:30 Eastern Daylight Time on July 8, 2006 to:

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All candidates meeting the qualifications will then be forwarded to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child who will make the final selection.