

NEW OPPORTUNITY

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Project:	Iqaluit Nukkiqsautiit Project
Scope Title:	Public and Rightsholder Engagement Scope – Rightsholding Organization Engagement
Issue Date:	April 21, 2026
Closing Date and Time:	April 28, 2026
Award of Contract (anticipated)	May 5, 2026
Project Start:	May 12, 2026
Project Completion:	March, 2027
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INTRODUCTION

Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation (NNC) is inviting qualified consultants/firms to submit a proposal to Public and Rightsholder Engagement Services for the Iqaluit Nukkiqsautiit Project (INP). This project is a proposed hydroelectric facility located about 60 km Northeast of Iqaluit, NU.

This work will advance the project through Phase 3 of the development process – Engineering & Impacts and Benefits Assessment - to the end of the 2026-27 fiscal year (March 31, 2025).

Advancing the INP will lead to significantly improved energy security in the region, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stabilize electricity prices, and reduce diesel reliance.

Bidders are encouraged to submit for Part 1 or Part 2 of the scope individually, or together.

Submissions for one part only will be considered.

BACKGROUND

Nunavummiut face some of the highest electricity prices in Canada given the near total reliance on imported diesel fuel for electricity production. The logistical challenges of marine shipping in the Arctic coupled with market volatility of oil prices contribute to significant challenges relating to energy supply for Northern communities.

Like all communities in Nunavut, Iqaluit is faced with electrical generation capacity constraints that prevent opportunities for growth and economic development. The electricity sector in Nunavut has been monopolized by Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC), a Crown Corporation, operating at arm’s length from the Government of Nunavut with limited capacity.

As the leading 100% Inuit-owned renewable energy developer and Independent Power Producer in the territory, NNC is well positioned to implement a clean, firm power solution while also providing economic development and Inuit Capacity building opportunities for Iqalungmiut as the world transitions away from carbon-intensive generation sources.

In 2023, Iqalungmiut voted by ranked ballot on their preferred option for their energy future. Conventional water power at Kuugaaluk was chosen with ~76% consensus amongst participants. Like all of NNC’s projects, the INP’s development advances only with free, prior, informed consent from Inuit. Given that the INP site (Kuugaaluk) is relied on by both Iqalungmiut and Panniqtuumiut, community and Rightsholder engagement activities must include both.

SCOPE OF WORK

Part I:

The lead for the QIA/NTI Engagement scope will serve as the primary liaison between the project team and Inuit Rightsholding organizations staff, supporting structured, transparent, and culturally appropriate engagement processes during Phase 3 of the Iqaluit Nukkiqsautiit Project. Collaborating with and reporting to NNC’s Managing Director of Strategy and Engagement, the role will:

- Support the development and execution of Rightsholding organization engagement strategy
- Coordinate regular briefings with QIA and NTI staff
- Support advancement of the Panniqtuuq and Kimmirut *Tusaqtavut* studies
- Coordinate the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ) study at the Kuugaaluk site, ensuring that Inuit knowledge and community perspectives are appropriately incorporated into project planning and assessment activities

Part 2:

Working closely with project leadership and QIA representatives, the scope lead will also support development of the Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement (IIBA) framework by:

- Facilitating discussions and negotiations
- Tracking and coordinating key inputs
- Supporting a clear QIA-led definition for the Phase 3 community decision-making pathway
- Keeping progress and commitments on schedule

The role will help ensure that collaboration between NNC, QIA, and NTI are well coordinated, documented, and aligned with the expectations of Inuit governance processes, and Inuit beneficiaries.

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

In fulfilling the terms and conditions of any resultant contract from the RFP, the Contractor agrees to:

- Identify in the proposal the personnel and their qualifications to perform the work. Project personnel cannot be changed without the express consent of Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation project representative.
- Undertake the activities proposed in the proposal and ensure the deliverables are provided on, or before, the agreed timeline.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

All invited consultants/firms are requested to submit a Notice of Intent in the form of an email to the Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation by 5:00 PM EST on August 26, 2024.

All inquiries can be directed to the Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation in writing by email. Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation will not respond to any inquiries received within 24 hours of the closing date.

Any addenda or written clarifications issued as a result of queries raised during the solicitation period shall be distributed by email to all proponents who have confirmed an intent to submit a proposal. All addenda shall be considered part of the issued Request for Proposals and shall be incorporated into the Proponent's submitted Proposal.

Proposals shall include the following at a minimum:

- Proponent's commercial information
 - Details of proponent company
 - Legal name
 - Authorized Representative
 - Address
 - Type of business organization (Ltd., Private, Wholly owned subsidiary, etc.)
 - Place of registration
 - Date business founded
 - Confirmation whether or not the company is registered to do business in Nunavut
- Proponent's relevant qualifications and related project experience
- Identification of project team and lead personnel responsible for delivery of the work
 - Include relevant experience and resumes
 - Primary responsibilities of each project team member



- Proposed methodology, approach, work plan, and schedule to meet required deliverables detailed in this RFP.
- Plan for Inuit Participation in the scope of work.
- Budget including:
 - Total hours for each activity/personnel
 - Hourly rates for each personnel
 - Reimbursable expenses
 - Quotes from subcontractors should they be required
 - Cashflow with projected monthly totals
 - All prices should be in Canadian dollars
- Proponent’s Health, Safety, and Environment statistics for last three (3) years, including confirmation to comply with the *Workers Compensation Act* in Nunavut.

Proposals must be submitted by email either as an attachment or via a link for download to the Project Authority no later than the indicated closing date and time. Late proposals will not be considered.

Proponents may not amend their submitted proposal after the closing date but may withdraw their proposal at any time.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

Rating will be confidential, and no details will be released to any of the other proponents. Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation may request clarification from a proponent during the evaluation of the proposal. Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation will only notify the successful proponent. Proposals will be evaluated privately based on the following criteria.

Criteria	Weight
Consultant/Project Team (qualifications, knowledge, past relevant experience)	35%
Methodology	30%
Fees and Expenses	15%
Schedule	10%
Inuit Involvement*	10%

*Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation is supportive of using services of Nunavut, Inuit Registered firms, and local Qikiqtani involvement. Emphasis is placed on providing Inuit with opportunities for career and business development.

- A maximum of 2 points will be assigned to proponents demonstrating how Nunavut registered firms and Nunavut residents will participate in the assignment. The proponent is to identify the work that will be directly conducted by Nunavut registered firms as a percentage of the overall project dollar value.
- A maximum of 2 points will be assigned to proponents demonstrating how Inuit registered firms will participate in the assignment. The proponent is to identify the work that will be directly conducted by Inuit registered firms as a percentage of the overall project dollar value. Please note Inuit registered firms may also be recognized as Nunavut registered firms.
- A maximum of 6 points will be assigned to proponents who demonstrate the involvement of Inuit and Qikiqtani based personnel within the assignment. An overview of the task that will be assigned and the exposure to

career development for Inuit shall be provided. This need not be expressed in relation to a percentage of salary but rather as the proponent's willingness to involve Inuit and Nunavut residents within their proposed team.

Information on Nunavut registered firms can be found at <http://www.nni.gov.nu.ca/>

Information on Inuit registered firms can be found at <http://inuitfirm.tungavik.com/>

Assignment of points for each category above shall be weighed as follows:

Poor	0-3 points
Fair	4-6 points
Good	7-8 points
Excellent	9-10 points

Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine the scores of all proposals relative to the evaluation criteria and weights provided in this RFP.

IRREVOCABLE OFFER

The proponent, by submitting a proposal acknowledges that offers contained within the proposal shall remain open for acceptance by Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation for a period of not less than thirty (30) business days from the closing date of the RFP. It is reasonable that adjustment to the schedule of deliverables may be required however; all other offers within the proposal shall remain within the irrevocable period.

NEGOTIATION OF PROPOSALS

While the selected proponent will be evaluated under the terms of the Request for Proposals as may be modified by addenda issued prior to the closing date Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation reserves the right to negotiate modified terms of engagement with the selected proponent prior to formal engagement of services.

AGREEMENT

The successful proponent and Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation will enter into a formal agreement incorporating the Request for Proposals, issued addenda, Proponent's proposal, and any post-proposal negotiations as mutually agreed.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Upon execution of formal agreement, fees and disbursements will be billed monthly pursuant to work completed and in accordance with the proponent's proposed fee and disbursement schedule.

