

UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MI'KMAQ

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Regional Data Centre: Role/Governance Analysis



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Mawkim, the Data Governance Team, which is currently housed under UNSM's Capacity Development department, administers data related projects on behalf of First Nations communities in Nova Scotia.

The Mawkim Team is working to establish a Mi'kmaq Regional Data Centre that is L'nu led and aligned with community priorities and embodies the First Nations Principles of OCAP®. The team coordinates national level surveys, including the First Nations Regional Health Survey, the First Nations Regional Early Childhood, Education, and Employment Survey, the First Nations Labour and Employment Development Survey, and the new First Nations Regional Social Survey.

The Mawkim Team is seeking consultants to conduct an analysis of the Regional Data Centre's potential roles and responsibilities within the existing data ecosystem. The analysis will consider roles such as data custodianship, stewardship, operations, and storage, and will evaluate their practicality, capacity, and strategic alignment based on available resources, infrastructure, community priorities, and long-term plans. The work must include a review of existing Indigenous data governance frameworks (international/national/regional) and related strategies/roles, assess associated benefits and risks, and outline key considerations for implementation.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Consultant must demonstrate relevant professional qualifications, technical expertise, demonstrated knowledge of OCAP® principles and experience with conducting organizational role analyses.

Consultants must submit a complete proposal that includes a clear work plan outlining how the project scope will be achieved, including the proposed approach and team structure. Incomplete submissions may not be considered.

Consultant must provide a detailed budget including a breakdown of costs. Any travel costs must align with the Treasury Board Rates. A detailed budget template is available upon request.

Experience in working with First Nations organizations is considered an asset and preference will be given to Mi'kmaq consultants.

Interested parties should submit their proposals to the email below as soon as possible, but no later than 4:30PM on October 2nd, 2026.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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