



FAQ – Bidding for the Indigenous Innovation Initiative WaGE Evaluation RFP

Q: Is there any guidance from your team (encouragement or hesitation) to adapting the OECD DAC framework?

A: We have no objection to using and/or adapting the OECD DAC framework for the evaluation, as it's a strong framework that is widely used to produce informative and useful evaluation results. Our primary feedback is that proposals include a description of how the proposed framework can foster cultural and emotional safety, respects Indigenous principles of data sovereignty, and in alignment with I3's program values and principles.

Q: How many “stakeholders” would be consulted for this process?

A: We have multiple partners and stakeholders (23 innovators, several key funders, and consultants we work with). It is not a requirement to consult all for the evaluation, and evaluators may choose a sample. Our primary feedback is that proposals include a description of how a sample would be selected to ensure it is representative across the program.

Q: How is GCC/I3 anticipating that the evaluation team will balance developmental and summative approaches to the evaluation, given that the evaluation will be looking back at the program as well as looking to develop recommendations for the future?

A: The primary goal of the evaluation is to examine this first iteration of the program (e.g., evaluation findings), so the depth and detail should be focused here, though we envision this would inform future-facing questions and recommendations. While the primary purpose of the evaluation is summative, we encourage bidders to consider how that can be balanced with developmental approaches to maximize learning and inform future programming.

Q: Can entities that are registered outside of Canada bid on this evaluation?

A: Bidding as an entity registered outside of Canada is not limited, though it is recommended that the chosen bidder have a strong cultural and contextual understanding of Indigenous communities within Canada.

Q: Is the bid open to consortiums/joint bids?

A: Yes, joint bids will be accepted.

Q: What reference requirements are you looking for?

A: For references, we are looking for names and contact information from past clients we could speak with. Testimonials are not necessary as part of the application but are welcome.

Q: What is the anticipatory budget for this evaluation?

A: In terms of budget, we can share that the anticipated current budget range is \$60K-\$80K CAD, with the possibility of discussing a larger budget according to the proposed methodology and project needs

Q: I have a close relationship with innovators and communities who have previously worked with I3. Can I still bid?

A: I3 has grown over the past 8 years, situated within a broader ecosystem of Indigenous innovation. We acknowledge that much of our work can take place due to the trust built in long-standing relationships. We expect it is possible that so-called “conflicts of interest” could arise as part of this work, as some of the people best placed to engage with this work may already be connected in some way.

We would invite any interested bidder to disclose in their proposal how they anticipate any previous work or relationships connected to I3 could influence or bias the results (including how it could enhance OR detract from the findings) and how they plan to mitigate bias related to a potential conflict of interest (for example, how they would invite additional perspectives or learning to the work to balance or complement any existing understandings, assumptions or knowledge about I3).