

CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY

Nature United – Indigenous Guardians Technical Support Team

Overview

Nature United is seeking skilled individuals to form the “Indigenous Guardians Technical Support Team” who will provide facilitation/ planning/technical support to Indigenous Nations who are building or strengthening their Indigenous Guardian programs. This opportunity is best suited to people with direct experience developing or implementing Indigenous Guardian programs or Indigenous resource management programs/projects more broadly. The position will require travel, flexibility, creativity and passion! Please submit a CV and a detailed cover letter indicating your interest, related experience, and fit for this contract position to Claire Hutton at chutton@natureunited.ca by April 26, 2019.

Background

Nature United is a Canadian conservation organization that supports the authority of Indigenous peoples to steward and manage their lands and waters by working in partnership with Nations to strengthen governance, build on-the-ground stewardship capacity, support leaders, and catalyze local economies. A priority for Nature United is to support the establishment and implementation of Indigenous Guardian programs as a key strategy to support Indigenous-led conservation and stewardship in Canada. To date, Nature United’s work on this has included:

- Providing technical tools and resources to support practitioners directly involved in Indigenous Guardian programs such as the [Indigenous Guardians Toolkit](#)
- Supporting exchanges, convenings and networking between Indigenous communities to advance Indigenous Guardian work by fostering relationships and learning
- Conducting research and analysis to demonstrate and articulate the values and benefits of Indigenous Guardian programs
- Exploring funding mechanisms to support Indigenous Guardian programs
- Advocating and advancing Indigenous Guardian issues locally, regional and nationally by working in collaboration with other Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations and governments

Opportunity

Building on our work to date, Nature United is establishing a dedicated Indigenous Guardians Technical Support Team that will provide direct in-community support to Indigenous Nations who are establishing new Guardian programs or strengthening existing Indigenous Guardian programs. The Technical Support Team is an extension of and will draw on the Indigenous Guardians Toolkit, which is a repository of practical resources and information for building and strengthening Indigenous Guardian programs based on experiences of Indigenous communities across the country. The Technical Support Team, made up of 2-4 facilitators, will work with a limited number of Indigenous Nations over a one-year period. A pair of facilitators will work with each Nation and provide facilitation, planning and technical

support based on the needs and priorities articulated by the Nations themselves through a combination of in-community sessions and support/coaching over the phone/email in between in-person meetings.

We are seeking individuals with:

- experience related to supporting and implementing Indigenous Guardian programs and/or Indigenous resource management programs/activities
- experience facilitating the development of programmatic plans (e.g. workplans, training plans, monitoring and data management plans, etc) and providing support for implementation of plans
- background in natural resource management and/or planning preferably with experience in Indigenous context
- experience and/or awareness of how Indigenous knowledge and other forms of knowledge inform approaches to stewardship
- willingness and ability to travel to Indigenous communities across Canada (with most focus on BC, Manitoba, and Northwest Territories)
- strong problem-solving skills, demonstrated abilities and interest to work as part of a remote team, flexibility, passion, and a good sense of humour

The individual contractors for the Technical Support Team will work up to 3 days/week (will require flexible scheduling). The initial contracts for individuals on the Technical Support Team will be for a one year period, with the potential for extension and/or possible longer-term opportunities with Nature United.

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