

To: Interested Consultants/Contractors

From: Nancy Pynch-Worthylake

Date: February 22, 2017

Topic: Contracted Support for NSSBA on a review of education funding and comparative analysis of funding vs. cost.

The work will begin immediately with a completion target date of April 30, 2017.

- Work in this area requires an understanding of the NS funding formula for Public Education.
- Ability to work in French and English is considered an asset.
- The work will be used to support the NSSBA strategic plan goal, 'to advocate for a sufficiently funded, equitable public education system that meets the diverse learning needs of all students and prepares them for future success.'

Background:

- Report on the funding per pupil in NS compared with other Canadian Provinces.
- Report on the cost of a typical class in 2017 as compared with a typical class a decade ago.
- Report on the amount school boards spend on special education compared with the amount allocated in the Budget.
- Report on the actual cost of a program or service compared with targeted funds:
 - typical early years site
 - SchoolsPlus site
- Determine cost of offering a program or service to all students:
 - 5.1 SchoolsPlus
 - 5.2 Early Years

The Opportunity:

- The contractor will report to the NSSBA Finance & Office Manager and work with an Adhoc committee for the identified priorities above.
- Proposals should include:
 - Brief overview of experience and education related to the NS Public Education System.
 - Availability;
 - Estimated number of hours to complete the work; and
 - Compensation expectations.

Deadline:

- Expressions of interest should be sent by e-mail to kbudden@nssba.ca by 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 9th, 2017.