



## REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS No. 22-053

### NRHD Advocacy Consulting Services

#### Addendum 1

Issued: May 18, 2022

**Closing Date & Time: on or before 3:00 PM Pacific Time on May 20, 2022**

#### Questions & Answers

Q1: Have there been any public polling or public opinion surveys conducted on this topic?

A1: No

Q2: Is there an internal role for inter-governmental advocacy?

A2: NRHD elected officials liaise with elected officials in other levels of government and stakeholders. In addition, staff engage with different levels of government.

Q3: What level of government is the NRHD looking to advocate with, and do they need assistance opening any doors with government?

A3: At this time the NRHD is looking at developing an advocacy plan and assistance with advice and meeting preparation. The NRHD is not seeking a lobbyist.

Q4: Has the NRHD previous given any messaging around this project

A4: Additional information related to the NRHD can be found:

- <https://www.rdn.bc.ca/hospital-district>
- News Release: <https://www.rdn.bc.ca/notice-2022-03-10>
- News Release: <https://www.rdn.bc.ca/notice-2022-04-14>
- Staff Report and Stakeholder Presentations: <https://rdn-pub.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=0c79838f-a58c-499f-a5f0-72f2b75c212c&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>

Q5: Would the select committee like a Government Relations Firm to be brought in?

A5: At this time the NRHD is looking at developing an advocacy plan as described in the RFSQ.

Q6: For clarification are the facilitated sessions to identify gaps and determine work plans?

A6: Yes, and to involve the Select Committee in developing an advocacy strategy and next steps.

Q7: Are NRHD Select Committee members Board members, or will separate facilitation need to occur?

A7: NRHD Select Committee are NRHD Board members.

Q8: Who from the health authority is represented on the committee, or which First Nation Communities are represented on the committee

A8: None. The Select Committee is a committee of the NRHD, comprised of several NRHD members.

Q9: Is there an approved budget set for this project?

A9: There is money set aside for the development of an advocacy plan and associated work.

Q10: When are we looking to review proposals, negotiate scope and award work?

A10: As soon as we can. We are eager to get started.

Q11: Can meetings be held with Directors during the election period "black out" dates?

A11: We hope to begin the process of developing the advocacy plan, key messages, stakeholder linkages and a communications plan for developing public awareness as soon as possible. There will be no facilitated sessions or workshops held during August, due to the summer break. It is hoped that a couple of facilitated sessions can be held in June and July, to get the process started. Staff are available to work on this project at any time, subject to regular vacations.

End of Addendum 1