



## Request for Information from Qualified Vendors for Support Services

**NDN Collective's mission** is to build the collective power of Indigenous Peoples, communities and Nations to exercise our inherent right to self-determination while fostering a world that is built on a foundation of justice and equity for all people and the planet. NDN works to transform systems, shift power, and generate sustainable solutions through three core strategies:

**Defend** – Indigenous Peoples, communities and Nations defend and protect our land, air, water and natural resources

**Develop** – Indigenous Peoples, communities and Nations are developed in a regenerative and sustainable manner based on our values and connection to land, culture and identity

**Decolonize** – Indigenous ceremonies, cultures, languages and ways of life are revitalized, recognized and celebrated

**NDN Partners** will provide support services directly to Tribal Nations and communities during the declared COVID-19 emergency to access resources to help them plan and implement long-term recovery strategies to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19, particularly those aimed at investing in community infrastructure, housing, access to improve health care, food insecurity, and other basic needs. NDN is looking to source vendors with specific support services to assist us in this effort.

This Request for Information (RFI) is being issued to solicit input via capability statements from interested parties with the specialized capabilities necessary to meet all or part of the major elements of scope. NDN Partners is seeking information from contractors and other interested parties regarding options for innovative approaches for the performance of the major elements of scope as well as insight into potential contracting alternatives.

This Request for Information (RFI) will assist NDN with identifying interested and capable sources to provide rapid response resources to Indigenous communities bracing from economic impacts, stresses to public services, and developing its acquisition strategy.

Key goals for the RFI include:

- Evaluating small business capabilities
- Identifying urgent, frontline services including immediate relief,
- Identifying resources and gap services

- Identifying risks
- Estimating price
- Evaluating specific methods for performance
- Identifying appropriate RFP/contract terms and conditions

Based on the review of the RFI Responses, NDN Partners will establish a List of Qualified Vendors who, on an “as, if, and when requested” basis, will be asked to enter into Contract(s) with NDN Partners for provision of COVID-19 support services to Tribal communities.

RFIs are only a request for information about potential products and/or services, and no contractual obligation on behalf of NDN Partners whatsoever shall arise from the RFI process. RFIs do not commit NDN Partners to pay any cost incurred in the preparation or submission of any response to the RFI.

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*NDN Partners, a South Dakota for-profit entity, will increase the capacity and skills of Indigenous led organizations, communities, people, tribes, and movements to be able to successfully utilize systems thinking and design thinking to defend, develop, and decolonize our people and planet.*