

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR

**International Student Homestay Program
For the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning**

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PART 1 – INVITATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 Invitation to Proponents

This Request for Proposals (the “RFP”) is an invitation by the Province Prince Edward Island (“the “Province”) to prospective proponents to submit proposals for the provision of **International Student Homestay Program** as further described in the **RFP Particulars (Appendix D)** (the “Deliverables”).

The Department of Education and Lifelong Learning (the “Department”) is issuing this RFP for the coordination and service support of a Homestay Program. The Department is seeking an experienced, Canadian homestay company to undertake the homestay placements and supervision (guardianship) of minor students, while they attend Intermediate and Secondary Schools on Prince Edward Island. The Department will enter into a non-exclusive agreement with the successful company wherein the Department will promote the company on all marketing material and in practice as a partner with government and the company will agree to maintain certain standards that are expected by Government.

The homestay experience provides international students with a unique opportunity to experience Canadian culture and to practice their English language skills by living with a local family. Families who offer homestay enjoy sharing cultures and helping students make the transition to a new country. Homestay is more than renting a room; it is a cultural and linguistic experience.

Prince Edward Island International Student Program (“PEIISP”) provides public education opportunities to students around the world. The PEIISP believes in fully integrating students into public school life; this supports PEIISP participants to have a truly Canadian academic and cultural experience. As Prince Edward Island partakes in the nation’s international education strategy, the PEIISP has experienced tremendous growth since its inception. The program began in 2012 with 2 students and grew to 187 students prior to the challenges of COVID-19. Approximately 20% of the students would require homestay services. The PEIISP aims to grow in overall enrollment, international diversification as well as domestic placement diversification which will also increase the demand for homestay services across Prince Edward Island.

1.2 RFP Contacts

For the purposes of this procurement process, the “RFP Contacts” shall be:

Derek McEwen
Director International Education
dpmcewen@gov.pe.ca

Melanie C. Barlow
Procurement Officer
mcbarrow@gov.pe.ca

Proponents and their representatives are not permitted to contact any employees, officers, agents, elected or appointed officials or other representatives of the Province, other than the RFP Contacts or their designate, concerning this RFP. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in the disqualification of the proponent and the rejection of the proponent’s proposal.

1.3 Type of Contract for Deliverables

The selected Proponent will be required to enter into an agreement with the Province for the provision of the Deliverables in the form attached as **Appendix A** to the RFP (the “Agreement”). The initial term of

the agreement will be for a period of **three (3) year(s)**. The Province reserves the right to extend the agreement for **one extension of three (3) years** beyond the initial term, for an overall potential maximum of **six (6) years** in total.

1.4 RFP Timetable

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| Issue Date of RFP | January 18 th , 2021 |
| Deadline for Questions | February 5 th , 2021 |
| Deadline for Issuing Addenda | February 12 th , 2021 |
| Submission Deadline | February 19th, 2021 @ 2:00 pm Atlantic Time |
| Anticipated Execution of Agreement | March 31 st , 2021 |

The RFP timetable is tentative only, and may be changed by the Province at any time.

1.5 Submission of Proposals

1.5.1 Proposals to be submitted at the Prescribed Location

Proposals must be submitted at:

PROCUREMENT SERVICES E-MAIL ADDRESS ONLY

procurementservices@gov.pe.ca

1.5.2 Proposals to be submitted on Time

Proposals must be submitted at the location set out above on or before the Submission Deadline as indicated in section 1.4. The Proponent is solely responsible for the submission of its proposal to the exact e-mail location indicated in this RFP on or before the Submission Deadline. The Province does not accept any responsibility for proposals e-mailed to any other e-mail location by the Proponent or its delivery agents. Proposals submitted after the Submission Deadline will be rejected. The Province's time clock at procurementservices@gov.pe.ca will be deemed to be correct.

1.5.3 Proposals to be submitted in Prescribed Format

Proponents should submit their proposal containing the following:

1) One (1) electronic copy of the technical proposal saved as a Portable Document Format (PDF) and e-mail to procurementservices@gov.pe.ca. Technical proposal should be prominently marked as "Technical Proposal" with the RFP title and number (see RFP cover) and the full legal name of the Proponent.

Technical proposals should be comprised of: a) completed **Appendix B Submission Form**, b) One (1) electronic copy of the financial proposal (completed response to **Appendix C – Submission Pricing Form**) and c) completed response to **Appendix D – RFP Particulars**, and d) other mandatory submission requirements, as applicable.

Unless specifically requested in this solicitation document, Proponents should not submit product catalogues or other marketing materials with their proposal.

1.5.4 Amendment of Proposals Prior to Submission Deadline

Proponents may amend their proposals prior to the Submission Deadline by submitting the amendment by e-mail to procurementservices@gov.pe.ca prominently marked in the subject line the word "Amendment" with the RFP title and number and the full legal name of the Proponent. Any amendment must clearly indicate which part of the proposal the amendment is intended to amend or replace. Any amendments received after the Submission Deadline will not be accepted. Amendment must be signed by the person who signed the original proposal submission or by a person authorized to sign on his or her behalf.

1.5.5 Withdrawal of Proposals

Proponents may withdraw their proposals prior to the Submission Deadline. To withdraw a proposal, a notice of withdrawal must be received by the RFP Contact by e-mail prior to the Submission Deadline and must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proponent. The Province is under no obligation to return withdrawn proposals.

1.5.6 Proposals Irrevocable after Submission Deadline

Proposals shall be irrevocable for a period of **Ninety (90)** days from the Submission Deadline.

[End of Part 1]

PART 2 – EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS - OPTIONAL

2.1 Stages of Evaluation

The Province will conduct the evaluation of proposals in the following three stages:

2.2 Stage I: Mandatory Submission Requirements

Stage I will consist of a review to determine which proposals comply with all of the Mandatory Submission requirements. Proposals that do not comply with all of the Mandatory Submission requirements as of the Submission Deadline will be disqualified and not evaluated further.

The Mandatory Submission Requirements are as follows:

2.2.1 No Amendment to Forms

Other than inserting the information requested on the mandatory submission forms set out in the RFP, a proponent may not make any changes to any of the forms. Any proposal containing any such changes, whether on the face of the form or elsewhere in the proposal, will be disqualified.

2.2.2 Submission Form (Appendix B)

Each proposal must include a completed **Submission Form (Appendix B)** signed by an authorized representative of the proponent.

2.2.3 Submission Pricing Form (Appendix C)

Each proposal must include a Submission Pricing Form (**Appendix C**) completed according to the instructions contained in the form.

2.3 Stage II – Evaluation

Stage II will consist of the following two sub-stages:

2.3.1 Mandatory Technical Requirements

The Province will review the proposals to determine whether the mandatory technical requirements as set out in the **RFP Particulars (Appendix D)** have been met. Questions or queries on the part of the Province as to whether a proposal has met the mandatory technical requirements will be subject to the verification and clarification process set out in Section 3.3.4. If the Proponent fails to satisfy the mandatory technical requirements, its proposal will be excluded from further consideration.

2.3.2 Rated Criteria

The Province will evaluate each compliant proposal on the basis of the rated criteria as set out in Section D of the **RFP Particulars (Appendix D)**. The following is an overview of the categories and weighting for the rated criteria of the RFP. Proponents who do not meet a minimum threshold score for a category will not proceed to the next stage of the evaluation process.

| Rated Criteria Category | Weighting (Points) | Minimum Threshold |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| D.3.1 Executive Summary/ Understanding of Service Requirements | 5 | 2.5 |
| D.3.2 Organizational Structure | 10 | 5 |
| D.3.3 Experience | 20 | 10 |
| D.3.4 Program Growth Potential | 10 | 5 |
| D.3.5 Emergency Protocol | 10 | 5 |
| D.3.6 Communication with Department | 5 | 2.5 |
| D.3.7 Communication with Host Families and Students | 5 | 2.5 |
| D.3.8 Student Process | 15 | 7.5 |
| D.3.9 Host Family Responsibilities | 5 | 2.5 |
| D.3.10 Host Family Application and Screening | 5 | 2.5 |
| D.3.11 Student and Host Family Matching | 5 | 2.5 |
| D.3.12 Host Family Orientation and Support | 5 | 2.5 |
| D.3.13 Criminal Background Checks | 10 | 5 |
| D.3.14 Legal Responsibilities to Students | 10 | 5 |
| D.3.15 Relationship Management | 5 | 2.5 |
| D.3.16 Additional Services | 5 | 2.5 |
| D.3.17 Value Added Offerings | 5 | N/A |
| D.3.18 Project Plan | 5 | 2.5 |
| Subtotal A | 140 | 67.5 |
| Stage III Pricing – (Appendix C – Submission Pricing Form) | 30 | 15 |
| Total Points | 170 | 82.5 |

2.4 Stage III – Pricing

Stage III will consist of a scoring of the submitted pricing of compliant proposals in accordance with the price evaluation set out in the **Submission Pricing Form (Appendix C)**. The evaluation of price will be undertaken after the evaluation of mandatory submission requirements, mandatory technical requirements, and rated criteria has been completed.

2.5 Selection of Highest Scoring Proponent

After the completion of Stage III, all scores from Stage II and Stage III will be added together and each Proponent will be ranked based on its total score. The Proponent with the highest score will be selected to enter into the Agreement in accordance with Part 3. Upon finalization of the Agreement with the Province, the Proponent shall thereafter be known as the successful Proponent.

2.6 Notification to Other Proponents

Once an agreement is finalized and executed by the Province with a Proponent, the other Proponents will be notified in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the RFP Process (Part 3).

[End of Part 2]

PART 3 – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFP PROCESS

3.1 General Information and Instructions

3.1.1 RFP Incorporated into Proposal

All of the provisions of this RFP are deemed to be accepted by each Proponent and incorporated into each Proponent's proposal. A Proponent who submits conditions, options, variations or contingent statements inconsistent with the terms set out in this RFP, including the terms of the Agreement in Appendix A, either as part of its proposal or after receiving notice of selection, will be disqualified.

3.1.2 Proponents not to change terminology

Changes to the terminology of this RFP are prohibited

3.1.3 Proponents to Follow Instructions

Proponents should structure their proposals in accordance with the instructions in this RFP. Where information is requested in this RFP, any response made in a proposal should reference the applicable section numbers of this RFP.

3.1.4 Language

All proposals are to be in English, or both English and French. If there is a conflict or inconsistency between the English version and the French version of the proposal, the English version of the proposal shall prevail.

3.1.5 No Incorporation by Reference

The entire content of the Proponent's proposal should be submitted in a fixed form, and the content of websites or other external documents referred to in the Proponent's proposal but not attached will not be considered to form part of its proposal.

3.1.6 References and Past Performance

In the evaluation process, the Province may include information provided by the Proponent's references and may also consider the Proponent's past performance or conduct on previous contracts with the Province.

3.1.7 Information in RFP Only an Estimate

The Province makes no representation, warranty or guarantee as to the accuracy of the information contained in this RFP, received from the RFP contact or issued by way of addenda. Any quantities shown or data, or opinion contained in this RFP or provided by way of addenda are estimates only and are for the sole purpose of indicating to Proponents the general scale and scope of the Deliverables. It is the Proponent's responsibility to obtain all the information necessary to prepare a proposal in response to this RFP.

3.1.8 Proponents to Bear Their Own Costs

The Proponent shall bear all costs associated with or incurred in the preparation and presentation of its proposal, including, if applicable, costs incurred for interviews, presentations or demonstrations.

3.1.9 Proposal to be retained by the Province

The Province will not return the proposal or any accompanying documentation submitted by a Proponent.

3.1.10 No Guarantee of Volume of Work or Exclusivity of Contract

The Province makes no guarantee of the value or volume of work to be assigned to the successful Proponent. The agreement to be negotiated with the selected Proponent will not be an exclusive contract for the provision of the described Deliverables. The Province may contract with others for goods and services the same as, or similar, to the Deliverables or may obtain such goods and services from resources within the Province.

3.2 Business Registration

Proponents may be required to be registered to carry on business in accordance with applicable laws. For information on the business registration requirements of the Consumer, Corporate and Financial Services, Department of Justice and Public Safety, please consult:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/business-name-registration>

The status of a Proponent's business registration does not preclude the submission of a proposal in response to this RFP. A proposal can be accepted for evaluation, regardless of (i) whether the company is registered, or (ii) whether its business registration is in good standing. However, if the Proponent is selected as the successful Proponent, that Proponent must bring itself into compliance prior to the execution of the Agreement.

3.3 Communication after Issuance of RFP

3.3.1 Proponents to Review RFP

Proponents shall promptly examine all of the documents comprising this RFP, and report any errors, omissions, or ambiguities; and direct questions or seek additional information in writing by email to the RFP Contact on or before the Deadline for Questions. No such communications are to be directed to anyone other than the RFP Contact. The Province is under no obligation to provide additional information, and the Province will not be responsible for any information provided by or obtained from any source other than the RFP Contact. It is the responsibility of the Proponent to seek clarification from the RFP Contact on any matter it considers to be unclear. The Province will not be responsible for any misunderstanding on the part of the Proponent concerning this RFP or its process.

3.3.2 All New Information to Proponents by Way of Addenda

This RFP may be amended only by addendum in accordance with this section. If the Province, for any reason, determines that it is necessary to provide additional information relating to this RFP, such information will be communicated by addendum on the **Prince Edward Island Tendering Site**. Each addendum forms an integral part of this RFP and may contain important information, including significant changes to this RFP. Proponents are responsible for obtaining all addenda issued by the Province and will be deemed to have read all posted addenda.

3.3.3 Post-Deadline Addenda and Extension of Submission Deadline

If the Province determines that it is necessary to issue an addendum after the Deadline for Issuing Addenda, the Province may extend the Submission Deadline for a reasonable period of time.

3.3.4 Verify and Clarify

During the evaluation process, the Province may request further information from the Proponent or third parties in order to verify or clarify the information provided in the Proponent's proposal, including but not limited to clarification with respect to whether a proposal meets the mandatory technical requirements set out in the RFP Particulars (Appendix D). The Province may revisit and re-evaluate the Proponent's response or ranking on the basis of any such information.

3.4 Execution of Agreement, Notification and Debriefing

3.4.1 Selection of Proponent and Execution of Agreement

The Province will notify the selected Proponent in writing. The selected Proponent shall execute the Agreement in the form attached as **Appendix A** to this RFP and satisfy any other applicable conditions of this RFP within fifteen (15) days of notice of selection.

3.4.2 Failure to Enter into Agreement

In addition to all of the Province's other remedies, if a selected Proponent fails to execute the Agreement or satisfy any other applicable conditions within fifteen (15) days of notice of selection, the Province may, in its sole and absolute discretion and without incurring any liability, withdraw the selection of that Proponent and proceed with the selection of another Proponent or cancel the RFP Process.

3.4.3 Notification of Outcome of Procurement Process

Once an agreement is executed by the Province with a Proponent, notification of the outcome of the Procurement process will be posted on the **Prince Edward Island Tendering Site**.

3.4.4 Debriefing

Proponents may request a debriefing after notification of the outcome of the procurement process. All requests must be in writing to the RFP Contact and must be made within sixty (60) days of notification of the outcome of the procurement process. The intent of the debriefing information session is to aid the Proponent in presenting a better proposal in subsequent procurement opportunities. Any debriefing provided is not for the purpose of providing an opportunity to challenge the procurement process or its outcome.

3.5 Conflict of Interest and Prohibited Conduct

3.5.1 Conflict of Interest

The Province may disqualify a Proponent for any conduct, situation or circumstance, determined by the Province, in its sole and absolute discretion, to constitute a Conflict of Interest. For the purposes of this Section, "Conflict of Interest" has the meaning ascribed to it in the **Submission Form (Appendix B)**.

3.5.2 Disqualification for Prohibited Conduct

The Province may disqualify a Proponent, or terminate an agreement entered into if the Province, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines that the Proponent has engaged in any conduct prohibited by this RFP.

3.5.3 Prohibited Proponent Communications

A Proponent shall not engage in any communications that could constitute a Conflict of Interest and must take note of the Conflict of Interest declaration set out in the Submission Form (Appendix B).

3.5.4 Proponent not to Communicate with Media

A Proponent may not at any time directly, or indirectly, communicate with the media in relation to this RFP or any agreement entered into pursuant to this RFP without consent of the Province, and then only in coordination with the Province.

3.5.5 No Lobbying

A Proponent shall not, in relation to this RFP or the evaluation and selection process, engage directly or indirectly in any form of political or other lobbying whatsoever to influence the selection of the successful Proponent.

3.5.6 Illegal or Unethical Conduct

Proponents shall not engage in any illegal business practices, including without limitation activities such as bid-rigging, price-fixing, bribery, fraud, coercion or collusion. Proponents shall not engage in any unethical conduct, including lobbying, as described above, or other inappropriate communications; offering gifts to any employees, officers, agents, elected or appointed officials or other representatives of the Province; submitting proposals containing misrepresentations or other misleading or inaccurate information; or any other conduct that compromises or may be seen to compromise the competitive process provided for in this RFP.

3.5.7 Rejection of Proposals

The Province may reject a proposal based on past performance or based on inappropriate conduct, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) illegal or unethical conduct as described above;
- (b) the refusal of the Proponent to honour its submitted pricing or other commitments;
- (c) any conduct, situation or circumstance determined by the Province, in its sole and absolute discretion, to have constituted an undisclosed Conflict of Interest;
- (d) the Province's past experience with the Proponent within the 18 month period prior to the Submission Deadline for similar or related services; or
- (e) any information provided to the Province by any references of the Proponent, pursuant to either section 3.1.6 or section 3.7.1(e) of this RFP.

3.6 Confidential Information

3.6.1 Confidential Information of the Province

All information provided by or obtained from the Province in any form in connection with this RFP either before or after the issuance of this RFP

- (a) is the sole property of the Province and must be treated as confidential;
- (b) is not to be used for any purpose other than replying to this RFP and the performance of the agreement for the Deliverables;
- (c) must not be disclosed without prior written authorization from the Province; and
- (d) must be returned by the Proponent to the Province immediately upon request of the Province

3.6.2 Confidential Information of Proponent

A Proponent should identify any information in its proposal or any accompanying documentation supplied in confidence for which confidentiality is to be maintained by the Province. The confidentiality of such information will be maintained by the Province, except as otherwise required by law or by order of a court or tribunal. Proponents are advised that their proposals will, as necessary, be disclosed, on a confidential basis, to advisers retained by the Province to advise or assist with the RFP process, including the evaluation of proposals.

Proponents are also advised that all documents forming part of the RFP process, including all submitted proposals, are subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-15.01 ("FOIPP"). A copy of FOIPP is available online at:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/legislation/all/all/a>

3.6.3 Personal Information

The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-15.01 ("FOIPP") governs the collection, use and disclosure of personal information by the Province and its service providers. The successful Proponent shall be required to comply with all requirements of FOIPP during the term of the Agreement.

A copy of FOIPP is available online at:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/legislation/all/all/a>

3.7 Reserved Rights, Limitation of Liability and Governing Law

3.7.1 Reserved Rights of the Province

The Province reserves the right to:

- (a) make public the names of any or all Proponents;
- (b) request written clarification in relation to a Proponent's proposal;
- (c) waive minor formalities that do not constitute Mandatory Submission requirements or Mandatory Technical requirements;
- (d) verify with any Proponent or with a third party any information set out in a proposal;
- (e) check references other than those provided by any Proponent;
- (f) disqualify any Proponent whose proposal contains misrepresentations or any other inaccurate or misleading information;
- (g) disqualify any Proponent or the proposal of any Proponent who has engaged in conduct prohibited by this RFP;
- (h) amend this RFP process without liability at any time prior to the execution of a written agreement between the Province and a Proponent. These changes are issued by way of addendum in the manner set out in this RFP;
- (i) cancel this RFP process without liability at any time prior to the execution of a written agreement between the Province and a Proponent. A cancellation is communicated by way of addendum in the manner set out in this RFP. The Province may in its sole discretion issue a new RFP for the same or similar Deliverables; or
- (j) reject any or all proposals.

These reserved rights are in addition to any other express rights or any other rights that may be implied in the circumstances, or that the Province has at law.

3.7.2 Limitation of Liability

By submitting a proposal, each Proponent agrees that:

- (a) neither the Province nor any of its employees, officers, agents, elected or appointed officials, advisors or representatives will be liable, under any circumstances, for any claim arising out of this proposal process including but not limited to costs of preparation of the proposal, loss of profits, loss of opportunity or for any other claim; and
- (b) the Proponent waives any claim for any compensation of any kind whatsoever, including claims for costs of preparation of the proposal, loss of profit or loss of opportunity by reason of the Province's decision to not accept the proposal submitted by the Proponent, to enter into an agreement with any other Proponent or to cancel this proposal process, and the Proponent shall be deemed to have agreed to waive such right or claim.

3.7.3 Governing Law and Interpretation

These terms and conditions of the RFP Process (Part 3):

- (a) are intended to be interpreted broadly and independently (with no particular provision intended to limit the scope of any other provision);
- (b) are non-exhaustive and shall not be construed as intending to limit the pre-existing rights of the parties to engage in pre-contractual discussions in accordance with the common law governing direct commercial negotiations; and
- (c) are to be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the province of Prince Edward Island and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

3.8 Participation of Eligible Public Sector Entities

By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, a Proponent irrevocably undertake and agrees that if successful, and following execution of an agreement with the Province, it will make the specified goods and/or services available to any public sector entity eligible to participate in this procurement process upon request by a public sector entity seeking access to those goods and/or services, provided however, that the Proponent's obligation to allow participation by other public sector entities does not extend to circumstances in which the Proponent would have to make capital or operational expenditures specifically in order to accommodate subsequent requests for goods or services by public sector entities.

The Proponent may only provide the goods and services specified under this RFP to additional entities by entering into a separate agreement with the new entity which shall contain the following minimum terms:

- (a) Any agreement the successful Proponent enters into with an eligible public sector entity shall be on the same terms and conditions, including pricing and expiry date, contained in the agreement it enters into for the same goods and/or services with the Province under this RFP.
- (b) The Proponent and the other entity acknowledge and agree that the Province will not have any contractual or financial obligation or any other liability to either the Proponent or the other entity

for any matter arising under the agreement or through the provision of goods and services specified in this RFP and, without limiting the foregoing, the Proponent and other entity acknowledge and agree that:

- The Province will not be liable or responsible for any act or omission of the other entity in relation to the other entity's access to the provisions of goods or services under this RFP;
- The other entity will make its own enquiries and satisfy itself as to the suitability of the Proponent or its products or services for the other entity;
- The other entity will be responsible for obtaining its own professional advice, including its own independent legal advice, and for including any additional business and legal terms and conditions in the other entity's agreement as may be necessary and appropriate in its specific circumstances; and
- The other entity will be responsible for its own contract administration with the Proponent and will not direct any Proponent service issues that may arise to the Province.

For the purposes of this section, a public sector entity means any provincial government or provincially funded entity in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador, including municipalities, universities, community colleges, school boards, health authorities, housing authorities, agencies, boards, commissions, and crown corporations.

[End of Part 3]

APPENDIX A – FORM OF AGREEMENT

SAMPLE CONTRACT NAME OF AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

BETWEEN: **GOVERNMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**, as represented by
the Minister of _____,

(hereafter referred to as “Government”)

OF THE FIRST PART;

AND: _____

of _____

in _____ County, Province of _____,

(hereafter referred to as the “Contractor”)

OF THE SECOND PART.

WHEREAS Government wishes to engage the services of the Contractor to carry out the services described in Schedule “A” attached hereto;

AND WHEREAS the Contractor has agreed to provide Government with these services on certain terms and conditions as more particularly set out in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree that the terms and conditions of their relationship are as follows:

Definitions

1. In this Agreement, the following definitions apply:
 - a. “Fiscal Year” means ...
 - b. “Schedule” means...

Covenants of the Contractor and the Government

2. The Contractor shall perform the services, assume all those responsibilities and diligently execute all those duties described in the attached Schedule “A” (the “Work”), in a manner satisfactory to the Government.
3. (a) Subject to the termination clause contained in the Termination section of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall commence on the _____ day of _____, 20____, and end on the _____ day of _____, 20____ (the “Term”).

- (b) Subject to the termination clause contained in the Termination section of this Agreement and notwithstanding the date of signing of this Agreement, it is acknowledged by both Parties that the Contractor commenced the performance of the Work on the ____ day of _____, 20____. It is further agreed that the amount of \$_____ is the maximum amount to be paid for the Work and includes all amounts which may be owed for Work since the ____ day of _____, 20____.

Payments, Records and Accounts

4. The Government shall make payments to the Contractor in the following manner.

- (a) Payment for the Work shall be at the rate of \$_____ per hour, excluding taxes, but in no case shall the total payment exceed \$_____;
- OR
- (a) Payment for the Work shall be a lump sum of \$_____, excluding taxes, payable on the ____ day of _____, 20____.
- OR
- (a) Payment for the work shall be by installments of \$_____, excluding taxes, payable as follows [*ie. List dates (milestones) when payments will be made including amount to be paid on each date*]

AND, IF APPLICABLE

- (b) The Government shall pay all expenses of the Contractor, excluding taxes, up to a maximum of \$_____, based on expenses actually incurred and verified by receipt.
- (c) The payments described herein shall be paid upon the basis of the submission by the ____ day of _____, 20____ of a detailed statement together with all necessary receipts. Such statements shall be submitted to Government and Government shall pay the amount owing within ____ days of receipt.
- (d) All payments are subject to a hold back of an amount equal to ____% of the amount billed. The hold back shall be paid upon the submission and acceptance of the final report and completion of the Work.
- OR
- (d) All payments are subject to a hold back of an amount equal to ____% of the amount billed. The hold back shall be paid upon the submission and acceptance of the final report and completion of the Work.
- (e) The Contractor shall keep proper accounts and records of the cost to the Contractor of the Work and of all expenditures or commitments made by the Contractor under this Agreement including the related invoices, receipts and vouchers. Such accounts, invoices, receipts and vouchers shall, at all times, be open to audit, copying, extracting information and inspection by the authorized representatives of Government. The Contractor shall provide all facilities for the audits, inspections, copying and extractions and shall provide Government and its authorized representatives with all information that is requested from the accounts, records, invoices, receipts and vouchers.

- (f) Subject to statutory limitations, the Contractor shall not, without the written consent of Government, dispose of the accounts, records, invoices, receipts and vouchers related to this Agreement, but shall preserve and keep the same available for audit, copying, extracting information and inspections at any time.

Conditions of Agreement

5. (a) The Parties agree that the Contractor shall act as an independent contractor and that it is entitled to no other benefits or payments whatsoever than those specified in the Payments, Records and Accounts section of this Agreement.
- (b) The Parties agree that entry into this Agreement will not result in the appointment or employment of the Contractor or any officer, clerk, employee or agent of the Contractor, as an officer, clerk, employee or agent of Government, nor shall the *Civil Service Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. C-8 apply.
6. (a) The Contractor agrees to accept sole responsibility to submit any applications, reports, payments or contributions for sales taxes, income tax, Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance, Workers' Compensation assessments, goods and services tax, harmonized sales tax, or any other similar matter which the Contractor may be required by law to make in connection with the Work.
- (b) The Contractor agrees to accept sole responsibility to comply with all federal, provincial and municipal legislation which may have application to the Work and agrees to comply with all provincial and federal legislation affecting conditions of work and wage rates including the *Employment Standards Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-6.2, the *Workers Compensation Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. W-7.1, or any other laws that impose obligations in the nature of employers' obligations. The Contractor agrees to follow the Public Service Commission Human Resource Policies 9.05 Violence in the Workplace Policy; 9.08 Drug, Alcohol, and Medication Policy; and 11.01 Policy for the Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace while working on Government sites, in Government vehicles or alongside Government staff.
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<https://psc.gpei.ca/sites/psc.gpei.ca/files/9.08%20AlcoholDrugandMedicationPolicy.pdf>
https://psc.gpei.ca/files/PDF%20Files/hrp-manual/hrppm_11.01.pdf
- (c) The Contractor, before undertaking any Work shall provide to Government either a certificate of good standing by the Workers Compensation Board or written confirmation from the Workers Compensation Board that such certificate is not required.
- (d) The Contractor agrees to accept the full cost of doing those things required under this paragraph and will not charge or seek reimbursement from Government in any way, such costs having been taken into consideration and included in the rates of payment stipulated in the Payments, Records and Accounts section of this Agreement.

7. Any payment under this Agreement is subject to a provincial appropriation for the payment being approved by the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island for Government's fiscal year in which payment is to be made.

Reports

8. (a) The Contractor shall make interim reports as the Government may direct.
- (b) The Contractor shall prepare and submit a draft final report for review and approval of Government not later than the ____ day of ____ 20__. Government shall either signify its approval or note the deficiencies in writing to the Contractor within ____ days of its submission. The final report shall be submitted to Government not later than the ____ day of ____, 20__ unless the parties agree otherwise in writing.

Administration

9. Subject to any specified time schedule or location where the Work is to be performed as may be set forth in Schedule "A" attached hereto, Work is to be performed in the offices of Government, and the Contractor shall follow the same time schedule as applicable to employees of Government.
10. Government shall provide such support, direction, decisions and information to the Contractor as it deems necessary or appropriate under this Agreement and may appoint a person to administer this Agreement and communicate with the Contractor.

Termination

11. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Agreement, Government may terminate this Agreement in its entirety, or any part thereof, at any time by a notice in writing, signed by or on behalf of Government and delivered to the Contractor by hand delivery, mail to the Contractor's last known place of business, facsimile transmission, or electronic communication. This Agreement shall be determined to have ended upon the date of delivery, sending by electronic communications or mailing of such notice in which event the Contractor shall have no further claim against Government, except that the Contractor will be paid pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Payments, Records and Accounts section of this Agreement for the Work performed up to the date of termination by written notice. Such payment shall include all firm commitments made by the Contractor prior to the receipt of the notice and for which the Contractor is liable for payment, less any sums paid by Government to the Contractor on account.
12. Notice in this Agreement is deemed to have been effected on the day of delivery in person, facsimile, electronic communication, or upon mailing of the notice.

Confidentiality and Copyright

13. Any and all information, knowledge or data made available to the Contractor as a result of this Agreement shall be treated as confidential information. The Contractor shall not directly or indirectly disclose or use the information, knowledge or data for purposes unrelated to the

Agreement at any time without first obtaining the written consent of Government, unless the information, knowledge or data is generally available to the public.

14. (a) The Parties agree that all lists, reports, information, statistics, compilations, analyses, and other data generated or collected in any way as a result of this Agreement are the exclusive property of Government and shall not be distributed, released, transmitted or used in any way, via any media, outside the purposes of this Agreement, by the Contractor, its employees, agents, servants or others for whom the Contractor is responsible, without the written consent of Government.
- (b) The Parties agree that Government owns the copyright on all aspects of the Work, including all manner of data as set out in sub-paragraph (a) and including all software developed as a result of the Work whether in the form of raw data, analyses, database entries or software or hardware code of any kind or in any form whatsoever, including but not limited to object code and source code and any necessary information with respect to the use of such code such as encryption keys, compiler information and version number.
- (c) The Contractor relinquishes all rights to the Work created pursuant to this Agreement, including all rights and moral rights otherwise accruing to the Contractor pursuant to the *Copyright Act* R.S.C. 1985, c. C-42.

Conflict of Interest

15. The Contractor warrants that as at the date of this Agreement, no conflict of interest, or any circumstance that might interfere with independent and objective exercise of judgment, exists or is likely to arise in relation to execution of this Agreement or its subject matter. The Contractor shall immediately notify Government, in writing, if any such actual or potential conflict of interest should arise at any time during the Term. In the event Government discovers or is notified by the Contractor of an actual or potential conflict of interest, Government, in its sole discretion, may either:
 - (a) allow the Contractor to resolve the actual or potential conflict to the satisfaction of Government; or
 - (b) Terminate the Agreement in accordance with the Termination section of this Agreement.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

16. The Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement, and information provided in respect of this Agreement may be subject to release under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-15.01. The Contractor may be consulted prior to release of any information.
17. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that in the event the Work involves the collection or use of personal information, it is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and that personal information may not be released to any third party or unauthorized individual.

Indemnification and Insurance

18. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Government, its agents, representatives and employees from and against all claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, actions, suits or proceedings of every nature and kind whatsoever arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Work (herein called the "Claim"), provided that any such Claim is caused in whole or in part by any act, error or omission, including, but not limited to, those of negligence, of the Contractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor or anyone for whom the Contractor may be liable.
19. The Contractor shall, without limiting its obligations or liabilities under this Agreement and at its own expense, provide and maintain, the following insurance with insurers and in forms and amounts acceptable to Government: **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS TO BE DETERMINED BY RISK MANAGEMENT.**
- (a) Commercial General Liability insurance in an amount not less than \$_____ (minimum Five Million **(\$5,000,000.00 CAD)** Dollars) inclusive per occurrence against bodily injury and property damages. Government of Prince Edward Island is to be added as an additional insured under this policy. Such insurance shall include, but not be limited to:
- Products and Completed Operations Liability;
 - Owner's and Contractor's Protective Liability;
 - Blanket Written Contractual Liability;
 - Personal Injury Liability;
 - Non-Owned Automobile Liability;
 - Cross Liability;
 - Employees as additional Insureds;
 - Broad Form Property Damage;
 - If applicable, Tenant's Legal Liability in an amount adequate to cover a loss to premises of Government occupied by the Contractor.
- (b) Automobile Liability insurance on all vehicles owned, operated or licensed in the name of the Contractor in an amount not less than \$_____ (minimum One Million **(\$1,000,000.00 CAD)** Dollars).
- (c) Professional Liability insurance in an amount not less than Two Million **(\$2,000,000.00 CAD)** Dollars on a claims-made basis, subject to an annual aggregate limit of Two Million **(\$2,000,000.00 CAD)** Dollars insuring the Contractor' liability resulting from errors and omissions in the performance of professional services under this Agreement. Such insurance shall continue for a term of six (6) years following completion of the Work.
- (d) The policy or policies as required by this Agreement shall be in a form and with insurers satisfactory to Government. All required insurance shall be endorsed to provide Government with 30 days advance written notice of cancellation . The foregoing insurance shall be primary and not require the sharing of any loss by any insurer of Government nor by any other form of recovery available such as the Provincial Self Insurance and Risk

Management Fund. A Certificate of Insurance for each insurance required above shall be delivered to Government prior to execution of this Agreement and any renewals during the term of this Agreement shall likewise be delivered to Government prior to renewal date. Default of delivery to Government or receipt by Government shall not be construed as acknowledgment or concurrence that there has been compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

General

- 20. This Agreement shall not be assigned or subcontracted in whole or in part by the Contractor without the prior written consent of Government.
- 21. This Agreement shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto and, subject to the above assignment and subcontracting clause, their executors, administrators, successors and assigns.
- 22. This Agreement shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the laws and in the Courts of the Province of Prince Edward Island.
- 23. This Agreement, including Schedule "A", constitutes and expresses the entire agreement of the Parties hereto and any amendment or addition thereto shall be in writing and signed by the respective Parties.
- 24. The headings are inserted in this Agreement for reference only and shall not form part of the Agreement.
- 25. The provisions of this Agreement which, by their terms, are intended to survive or which must survive in order to give effect to continuing obligations of the Parties, shall survive the termination or expiry of this Agreement.
- 26. If any provision of this Agreement is for any reason invalid, that provision shall be considered separate and severable from this Agreement, and the other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in force and continue to be binding upon the Parties as though the invalid provision had never been included in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties thereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED) **Government of Prince Edward Island,**
in the presence of:) as represented by the Minister of
) **[Insert Department name here]**
)
_____) _____

SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED) **[Insert Contractor's name here]**
in the presence of:)
)

_____)

Authorized Signing Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

**TO AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
GOVERNMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
AND
THE CONTRACTOR**

DATED THE ____ DAY OF _____, 20__

STATEMENT OF WORK

APPENDIX B – SUBMISSION FORM

B.1 Proponent Information

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| Please fill out the following form, naming one person to be the proponent’s contact for the RFP process and for any clarifications or communication that might be necessary. | |
| Full Legal Name of Proponent: | |
| Any Other Relevant Name under which Proponent Carries on Business: | |
| Street Address: | |
| City, Province/State: | |
| Postal Code: | |
| Phone Number: | |
| Fax Number (if any): | |
| Company Website (if any): | |
| Proponent Contact Name and Title: | |
| Proponent Contact Phone: | |
| Proponent Contact Fax (if any): | |
| Proponent Contact Email: | |
| HST / GST Registration Number (Leave blank if NOT applicable): | |

B.2 Offer

The Proponent has carefully examined the RFP documents and has a clear and comprehensive knowledge of the Deliverables. The Proponent represents and warrants its ability to provide the Deliverables in accordance with the requirements of the RFP for the rates set out in the completed Pricing Form (Appendix C).

B.3 Mandatory Forms

The proponent encloses as part of the proposal the mandatory forms set out below:

| FORM | INITIAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE |
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| Submission Form (Appendix B) | |
| Pricing Form (Appendix C – International Homestay Program Provider Response Grid) | |
| RFP Particulars (Appendix D- International Homestay Program Provider Response Grid) | |

B.4 Pricing

The Proponent has submitted its pricing in accordance with the instructions in the RFP and in the **Pricing Form (Appendix C)**. The Proponent confirms that it has factored all of the provisions of Appendix A, including insurance and indemnity requirements, into its pricing assumptions and calculations.

B.5 Addenda

The Proponent is deemed to have read and taken into account all addenda issued by the Province.

B.6 No Prohibited Conduct

The Proponent declares that it has not engaged in any conduct prohibited by this RFP.

B.7 Conflict of Interest

For the purposes of this RFP, the term "Conflict of Interest" includes, but is not limited to, any situation or circumstance where:

- (a) in relation to the RFP process, the Proponent has an unfair advantage or engages in conduct, directly or indirectly, that may give it an unfair advantage, including but not limited to (i) having, or having access to, confidential information of the Province in the preparation of its proposal that is not available to other Proponents, (ii) communicating with any person with a view to influencing preferred treatment in the RFP process (including but not limited to the lobbying of decision makers involved in the RFP process), or (iii) engaging in conduct that compromises, or could be seen to compromise, the integrity of the open and competitive RFP process or render that process non-competitive or unfair; or
- (b) in relation to the performance of its contractual obligations under an agreement for the Deliverables, the Proponent's other commitments, relationships or financial interests (i) could, or could be seen to, exercise an improper influence over the objective, unbiased and impartial exercise of its independent judgement, or (ii) could, or could be seen to, compromise, impair or be incompatible with the effective performance of its contractual obligations.

Proponents should disclose the names and all pertinent details of all individuals (employees, advisers, or individuals acting in any other capacity) who participated in the preparation of the proposal; **AND** were employees of the Province within twelve (12) months prior to the Submission Deadline.

If the box below is left blank, the Proponent will be deemed to declare that (a) there was no Conflict of Interest in preparing its proposal; and (b) there is no foreseeable Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the RFP.

Otherwise, if the statement below applies, check the box.

- The Proponent declares that there is an actual or potential Conflict of Interest relating to the preparation of its proposal, and/or the Proponent foresees an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the RFP.

If the Proponent declares an actual or potential Conflict of Interest by marking the box above, the Proponent must set out below details of the actual or potential Conflict of Interest:

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B.8 Proposal Irrevocable

The Proponent agrees that its proposal shall be irrevocable for a period of **Ninety (90)** days following the Submission Deadline.

B.9 Disclosure of Information

The Proponent hereby agrees that any information provided in this proposal, even if it is identified as being supplied in confidence, may be disclosed where required by law or by order of a court or tribunal. The Proponent hereby consents to the disclosure, on a confidential basis, of this proposal by the Province to the advisers retained by the Province to advise or assist with the RFP process, including with respect to the evaluation of this proposal.

B.10 EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

The Proponent agrees that in the event its proposal is selected by the Province, it will finalize and execute the Agreement in the form set out in **Appendix A** to this RFP in accordance with the terms of this RFP.

Signature of Witness

Signature of Proponent Representative

Name of Witness

Name of Proponent Representative

Title of Proponent Representative

Date

I have the authority to bind the proponent.

APPENDIX C – SUBMISSION PRICING FORM

1. Instructions on How to Complete Submission Pricing Form

- (a) Rates shall be provided in Canadian funds, inclusive of all applicable duties and taxes except for HST, which must be itemized separately.

2. Evaluation of Pricing

Pricing is worth **30** points of the total score (Value (20) + Student cost (5) + Family Compensation (5) = 30)

Coverage & details provided - Emphasis will be placed on overall value to the Department (**20 points**).

Student Cost

Lowest price - all 5 points

Other Scores calculated using following formula: lowest price/proponent's price * 5 = score

Host Family Compensation

Highest Amount - all 5 points

Next highest - 4 points

Next highest - 3 points etc

Pricing Form

Complete Appendix C –Submission Form tab located in “International Student Homestay Provider Response Grid.xlsx”

APPENDIX D – RFP PARTICULARS

D.1 The Deliverables

The Department of Education and Lifelong Learning is seeking an experienced, Canadian homestay partner to enter into a non-exclusive agreement wherein the Department will promote the company on all marketing material and in practice as a partner with government and the company will agree to maintain certain standards that are expected by Government. The partner will undertake the homestay placements and supervision (guardianship) of minor students, while they attend Prince Edward Island Intermediate and Secondary Schools.

The Department does not have the resources to develop and manage its own homestay program; therefore, we would like to use the services of an established homestay program to achieve an effective and efficient solution for the coordination and service support of a Homestay Program.

The homestay experience provides international students with a unique opportunity to experience Canadian culture and to practice their English language skills by living with a local family. Families who offer homestay enjoy sharing cultures and helping students make the transition to a new country. Homestay is more than renting a room; it is a cultural and linguistic experience.

We are looking for a homestay company that has the ability to grow with our International program. It is critical for the success of the International Student Program to be able to increase the diversity of domestic placement. To be able to grow the International Program with sustainability, it is critical to develop a homestay network across Prince Edward Island that will allow the placement of International students across the 10 high schools.

D.2 Material Disclosures

- Majority of current international students are ‘walk in’ which currently results in varied requirement for homestay
- 85 students in 2020 with a vision to grow the program, especially in terms of homestay students
- Current homestay opportunities are focused in the Charlottetown area which causes a heavy reliance on two local schools.

D.3 Rated Criteria

The following is an overview of the categories and weighting for the rated criteria of the RFP. Proponents who do not meet a minimum threshold score for a category will not proceed to the next stage of the evaluation process.

D.3.1 RATED CRITERIA

See Schedule 1 for further details and report responses in the “International Homestay Program Provider Response Grid.” If more space is required, attach an appendix clearly indicating the section Heading and Specific number (ie. Program Growth Potential D.3.4)

D.3.1 Executive Summary/ Understanding of Service Requirements (5 points)

Provide a **1-2 page summary** of your technical response, highlighting the key features of your proposal. It should allow the evaluation team to quickly gain an overall perspective of your proposal, prior to reviewing it in detail.

D.3.2 Organization Structure (10 points)

Provide the organizational structure and one single primary point of contact.

D.3.3 Experience (20 points)

Provide details of the organization’s credentials and experience in managing homestay programs. Information regarding language of service capabilities should also be provided.

D.3.4 Program Growth Potential (10 points)

Provide the organizational strategy to manage growth potential, especially in rural areas.

D.3.5 Emergency Protocol (10 points)

Provide your organization's emergency protocols, including your emergency communication strategy.

D.3.6 Communication with the Department (5 points)

Provide details as to how you can provide the Department with comprehensive, accurate and timely student and host family information upon request.

D.3.7 Communication with Host Families and Students (5 points)

Provide your organizational protocol for ongoing and regular communication to students, student groups and host families.

D.3.8 Student Process (15 Points)

Provide details of the student process from beginning to end. Include such things as application forms, orientation guides/services, registration process, monitoring policies and exit evaluations.

D.3.9 Host Family Responsibilities (5 points)

Provide recruitment and retention strategies for host families as well as providing the agreement that is signed by the host family.

D.3.10 Host Family Application and Screening (5 points)

Provide details as to the application and screening process of host families including the insurance coverage host families must carry.

D.3.11 Student and Host Family Matching (5 points)

Provide details as to the matching process for students with host families.

D.3.12 Host Family Orientation and Support (5 points)

Provide details pertaining to the resources and support provided to host families

D.3.13 Criminal Background Checks (10 points)

Provide details as to the process for conducting criminal background checks for host families and proponent's staff.

D.3.14 Legal Responsibilities to Students (10 points)

Provide details as to provision of custodial services to students placed in homestay including monitoring and reporting practices.

D.3.15 Relationship Management (5 points)

Provide an outline for the company's process for relationship management amongst and between the multiple stakeholders.

D.3.16 Additional Support Services (5 points)

Provide details as to any other services provided from pre-arrival to departure.

D.3.17 Value Added Offerings (5 points)

Provide details for any applicable value added offerings which come at no additional charge.

D.3.18 Project Plan 5 points

Provide a high level project plan with timelines including what decisions, data and other support that maybe required.