



## Indigenous Safe and Secure Consultant Contract Position - Commencing June 2017

### About Us:

The **British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS)** is an award winning, Indigenous disability and health organization and the only stand-alone Indigenous organization of its type in Canada. For more information on BCANDS and their services please visit: [www.bcands.bc.ca](http://www.bcands.bc.ca)

**Plan Institute** is a social enterprise that works to improve the lives of people with disabilities by collaborating on community-based projects, offering a suite of learning initiatives, and advocating for policy reform. For more information on the Plan Institute please visit: [www.institute.plan.ca](http://www.institute.plan.ca)

### Project Overview

Safe and Secure is an inspirational guidebook and national bestseller with over ten versions in print since 1996 and an estimated 100,000 books in circulation worldwide. Safe and Secure offers practical information and planning ideas with inspirational stories and has assisted in mobilizing thousands of individuals and families living with a disability to plan for the future. In partnership with British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS), Plan Institute will publish an Indigenous version of Safe and Secure which will serve as a vital template to use when creating a plan for the future, reflecting Indigenous experiences, resources, stories and values. The creation of this guide will assist Indigenous individuals and families, living with a disability, to create a safe and secure future, and also contribute to their ability to participate more fully as active members of their community.

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Reporting to the Project Manager, the Indigenous Consultant will work with the project team and Indigenous contributors to develop the content for this version of Safe and Secure and ensure the creation of a guide which incorporates Indigenous specific experiences, knowledge, culture, relationships and understandings.

### Key Responsibilities:

In collaboration with BCANDS and Plan Institute, the Indigenous consultant will:

- Research applicable policies and programs impacting / available to the Indigenous individuals and families living with a disability with British Columbia, within both federal and provincial jurisdictions;
- Participate in the editorial process as a member of the editorial committee as required;
- Work with the editorial committee to identify potential Indigenous stories, poetry and art contributors, as able and requested;
- Engage with contributors, elders and healers, and facilitate communication with the editor and project team as requested / required;
- Facilitate the submission of contributions from Indigenous individuals and families as required;
- Attend project meetings, develop reports and engage in project correspondence as required;
- Collaborate with the project team to gather information, conduct research and advise as necessary to achieve the objectives of the project;
- Other duties that may be required.

### Desired Skills and Experience:

- Extensive experience working with Indigenous communities, organizations and individuals
- Operational knowledge of Indigenous history / experience in Canada including related issues
- Experience working within the disability sector
- Knowledge of Indigenous policies and programs both on and off reserve
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills
- Flexible work schedule
- May require some travel within the province to meet with individuals and communities
- Valid driver's license and access to reliable vehicle is required

The Indigenous Safe and Secure Consultant is a part-time contract position (non-employee) to be billed on an hourly basis at a rate of \$40/HR, with no benefits. Anticipated commitment will be approximately 3 days a week but some flexibility in hours required. The duration of this contract is June 2017 to December 2017. The successful applicant will be responsible for all remittances to government including but not limited to: Income Tax, Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance, etc.

\* As per Section 7 of the Employment Equity Act, preference in hiring may be given to Indigenous persons.  
(<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/e-5.401/page-3.html#h-6>)

### To Apply:

Please send cover letter and resume demonstrating why you would be a great fit for this project to Nicola Dunne - [ndunne@planinstitute.ca](mailto:ndunne@planinstitute.ca) - no phone calls please. For any questions, please also contact Nicola Dunne.