



Council of Yukon
First Nations

CYFN CMHC Shelter Initiative

Project Guiding Principles

Indigenous-Led Shelter

The CYFN Shelter will be the first Indigenous-led shelter in the Yukon. This means that the design and operation of the shelter will be inherently reflective of Yukon First Nations people. The program model will be grounded in the ethos of self-determination and Yukon First Nations capacity-building. This shelter is indicative of the importance of Yukon First Nations people providing services for Yukon First Nations people. CYFN is committed to building Yukon First Nations capacity and has prioritized a low-barrier employment model for Yukon First Nations employment both at the senior management level and front line. Through the design and construction of the shelter, it will be important to enhance economic opportunities for Yukon First Nations people and the principles contained in this document outline an approach to achieve that goal.

Yukon First Nations Procurement Policy

The Yukon First Nations Procurement Policy was recently co-developed by Yukon Government and Yukon First Nations, coming into effect on February 22, 2021. This Policy enhances economic outcomes for Yukon First Nations people and businesses¹. It does this by providing Yukon First Nations people and businesses with better opportunities to take part in Government of Yukon contracts (procurements). While the CYFN CMHC Shelter Initiative is not a Government of Yukon contract, the principles outlined in the Yukon First Nations Procurement Policy represent an important commitment to strengthen economic opportunities for Yukon First Nations which is an integral component of the CYFN shelter initiative. These principles serve as a foundation from which project specific principles regarding Yukon First Nations procurement have been developed.

¹ Yukon First Nations Business means a Yukon First Nations Business that meets one of the following criteria:

- (i) A corporation or not-for-profit corporation where one or more Yukon First Nations is the direct or beneficial owner of 100% of the shares of the corporation;
- (ii) A sole proprietorship owned by a Yukon First Nation Person;
- (iii) A partnership or limited partnership where at least 50% of the partnership is owned by a Yukon First Nation Person or an organization described in (i) or (ii)
- (iv) A corporation with at least 51% of the corporation's voting shares owned by a Yukon First Nation Person or an organization described in (i) or (ii); or
- (v) A not-for-profit organization in good standing under the Societies Act with at least 51% of its membership comprised of Yukon First Nations People.

A sole proprietorship owned by a non-Yukon First Nations Person, which supports a Yukon First Nation spouse or common law partner, and/or a Yukon First Nations family, may qualify as a Yukon First Nations Business.

CYFN First Nations Procurement – Guiding Principles

This project represents many distinct stages of work, from schematic design to design development and construction. The guiding principles outlined below apply to all phases of project work. Each project stage may also represent an opportunity for particular commitments around First Nations procurement, distinct from the principles outlined below. CYFN is committed to public procurement processes (through newspaper advertisements), with the exception of smaller contracts (i.e. less than \$20,000) that may be sole source. In reflection of the Yukon First Nations Procurement Policy, contracts associated with the CYFN Shelter Initiative may be used to:

- Support projects of cultural or heritage importance to Yukon First Nations;
- Advance reconciliation;
- Build Yukon First Nations Business capacity in specific sectors where Yukon First Nations Businesses are underrepresented or have limited capacity;
- Promote development of Yukon First Nations Businesses within communities;
- Contribute to workforce development in sectors of the economy where Yukon First Nations People are underrepresented;
- Facilitate the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and experience by Yukon First Nations People; or
- Recognize businesses and organizations that support workforce readiness, well-being, and resiliency of Yukon First Nations People.

For Invitational Tenders, CYFN and their associated consultants are committed to the following practices:

- Before issuing an Invitational Tender for Goods or Services, CYFN and their associated consultants will check the Yukon First Nations Business Registry for Yukon First Nations Businesses that supply such Goods or Services.
- If the Yukon First Nations Business Registry lists one or more Yukon First Nations Businesses that supply the Goods or Services for an Invitational Tender, at least one Yukon First Nations Business shall be invited to submit a Response to the Invitational Tender.
- CYFN and their associated consultants can invite a Yukon First Nations Business not listed on the Yukon First Nations Business Registry to participate in an Invitational

Tender provided the Yukon First Nations Business meets the policy's definition of Yukon First Nations Business.

- If CYFN and their associated consultants intend to issue invitations to more than three Suppliers, CYFN and their associated consultants will endeavour to ensure that at least one-third of the Suppliers are Yukon First Nations Businesses.

With regards to the procurement evaluation process, CYFN and their associated sub-consultants will consider inclusion of evaluation criteria that assess if a Supplier is a Yukon First Nations Business, and if that is not the case, assess the Supplier's:

- (i) Experience working with Yukon First Nations;
- (ii) Commitment and capacity to engage with Yukon First Nations; and
- (iii) Commitment to provide employment, sub-contracting and training opportunities to Yukon First Nations People and Businesses.

CYFN and their associated sub-consultants may allocate additional points to proposals that increase the participation of Yukon First Nations People and Yukon First Nation Businesses.