

Prairie Region Adaptation and Resilience Training for Planners

Request for Expression of Interest - Local Prairie Region Partner Consultants



Project Description:

The Climate Risk Institute (CRI) is developing a climate change adaptation training program with funding made available through Natural Resource Canada's Building Regional Adaptation Capacity and Expertise (BRACE) program. The online training program will bring together current knowledge informed by the deep experience of practitioners in the field, and supported by an Advisory Committee of academic, municipal, private sector, and Indigenous members.

Built around a series of modules and case studies, the training program will be delivered to Prairie Region planners to (i) build an understanding of the most recent science on climate change as well as risk assessment and adaptation approaches, (ii) provide methods to integrate climate change impacts and adaptation into planning contexts and processes, and (iii) to accelerate uptake of adaptation broadly within the profession. The project will benefit Prairie Region Planners by providing new, focused training that is responsive to their needs, and builds their capacity to incorporate climate change adaptation into practice.

Areas of Expertise Sought:

CRI, in collaboration with its Provincial and Territorial Institute and Association (PTIA) Partners (APPI, MPPI and SPPI), is looking for a planning consultant(s) with knowledge of local and regional planning contexts as well as expertise and experience in climate change resilience and adaptation to help in the development and delivery of the training program. The applicant must be a Registered Professional Planner (RPP) of a PTIA Partner and be in good standing.

Expectations of Local Partner Consultants:

The project work plan focuses on the development of climate change adaptation training materials for Planners working in the prairies and/or territories. The local partner consultants would contribute deep knowledge of local and regional knowledge policies as they relate to climate adaptation strategies and will identify and develop case studies for the training. The local partner consultants will be expected to work collaboratively with Climate Risk Institute, with a view to longer term cooperation on the delivery of future training programs.

The Advisory Committee has already hosted one workshop, and a second will take place in the new year. In addition to participation in this second workshop, primary tasks for the local partner consultant are:

- Collaboratively develop and advise on training content and materials with a particular focus on local policy and the implementation of adaptation measures;
- Identify and integrate case studies from within the region; and,
- Co-deliver training related to these above tasks virtually.

Training materials are to be drafted by the end of the year with circulation to the Advisory Committee in January 2022. The pilot training sessions would be delivered in February and March. The total level of efforts for the local partner consultant is expected to be approximately 200-240 hours, including content and case study development and training delivery. Consultants selected will be contracted in a professional capacity and will receive financial compensation.

Please submit a brief expression of interest including your name, contact information and a brief description of experience and or interest in climate change adaptation and resilience and/or the development of professional extension and training content, by **December 14th, 2021**, via email to Paul Cobb at CRI (Paul.cobb@climaterisksinstitute.ca). Expressions of interest that include multiple team members (e.g., Junior and Senior Planners) are welcome. All project partners are committed to equity and diversity and responses to this expression of interest are encouraged from individuals who identify as First Nations, Inuit, Métis, LGBTQ2S+, persons with disabilities, women and other marginalized or disadvantaged groups.

Climate Risk Institute reserves the option to select two expressions of interest to ensure representation, experience, and expertise in more than one jurisdiction.

For more information or questions, please contact:

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