

## Seeking Consultation with NAGPRA Compliance Consultant

### General project description:

The Rochester Museum & Science Center (RMSC) is seeking the services of a NAGPRA compliance consultant to partner on a grant-funded Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) documentation and consultation project. The project will lead to NAGPRA resolution for collections from the four largest Seneca-affiliated pre-contact archaeological assemblages removed from New York State (NYS) that are in the control and possession of the RMSC, building on significant ongoing consultation and NAGPRA results. Specifically, the project will involve: 1) intensive and meaningful consultation with Seneca representatives leading to the repatriation of cultural items removed from these sites, 2) the creation of standards and protocols from which to evaluate NAGPRA eligibility for other pre-contact archaeological assemblages removed from NYS that are present at the RMSC, and 3) further relationship-building between the RMSC and the Seneca Nation of Indians and Tonawanda Seneca Nation, on whose ancestral land the RMSC sits.

### Consultant timeline, scope of work, and budget:

The NAGPRA compliance consultant will be engaged by the RMSC between February 2024 and April 2025 for an estimated total of 153 hours with support from a NAGPRA consultation grant. The NAGPRA compliance consultant will provide critical support for the success of the project by:

- advising RMSC staff throughout the project on compliance with NAGPRA law and recently revised regulations as well as best practices for consultation
- providing technical assistance to the RMSC staff resulting in the submission of Notices of Intent to Repatriate for unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony identified through the project (anticipated December 2024 or early 2025)
- planning, convening, facilitating, and documenting 10 remote RMSC International Consultation meetings with an estimated 20 Tribes and Nations as updates from this project are shared (anticipated February 2024 - April 2025)

The total budget for this scope of work is \$18,360 to complete all project deliverables between February 2024 and April 2025 (or sooner). The number of hours required for the project can be negotiated as part of the contract process to ensure fair compensation. The NAGPRA compliance consultant must provide their own equipment and software to complete computer-based tasks for this work, and all anticipated

expenses must be included within the consultant's cost proposal for the project. The NAGPRA compliance consultant scope of work can be completed fully remotely.

**Qualifications:**

Qualifications for this position include expertise in NAGPRA law and current best practices, as well as demonstrated results in advising museums and Nations or Tribes in all aspects of NAGPRA compliance (planning, strategy-setting, technical assistance, etc.), including convening and facilitating International or Intertribal consultations.

**To apply:**

Please submit the following to Kathryn Murano Santos, Senior Director of Collections & Exhibitions, at [kmurano@rmsc.org](mailto:kmurano@rmsc.org) by February 21, 2024, 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

- Resume, CV, or summary of relevant experience.
- Statement describing how your background prepares you for this project.
- Time and cost proposal identifying your project rate (inclusive of all expenses) and how you anticipate completing the work within the project milestones.

**Evaluation criteria:**

Proposals will be evaluated by RMSC staff and Seneca representatives using selection criteria that includes established relationships with the Indigenous Nations and Tribes of New York State, expertise and results in NAGPRA compliance, overall cost, and ability to complete the project within the specified timeframe.

Questions about the project or role can also be directed to:

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