

# UPDATES TO THE 2018 ARCTIC INSPIRATION PRIZE NOMINATION GUIDES AND NOMINATION TEMPLATES

**August 2018**

The Letter of Intent deadline for the 2018 Arctic Inspiration Prize has been extended until **September 10, 2018**. Teams that wish to submit a Letter of Intent now have a second opportunity to receive feedback on the eligibility of their nominations.

Following the first Letter of Intent deadline, it was evident that certain criteria needed to be better clarified. As a result, the 2018 Nomination Guides and Nomination Templates (available on the AIP [website](#)) have been revised. Please use the new Guides and Templates when completing a nomination. Information on how to submit a Letter of Intent - and what to include - can be found in the Nomination Guides for each category.

Below is a description of the criteria that were clarified for each of the three Nomination Guides. The new Nomination Templates reflect these changes.

## **\$1 Million Category**

**Eligibility Criteria 10** - Note that projects that *only* collect and store knowledge are not eligible: Proposed projects must bring knowledge to action with lasting impacts. Therefore projects that *only* collect and store knowledge (e.g. environmental monitoring, data or knowledge archiving, etc.) are not eligible.

**Eligibility Criteria 13** - Note that the total project costs cannot exceed \$2 million:

The Arctic Inspiration Prize is about *enabling* diverse teams to implement innovative projects with real and relevant impacts. Therefore, the total project costs cannot be more than \$2 million (200% of the \$1 million requested from the AIP). For example, a request of \$1 million from the AIP to help fund a large project of \$3 million for a building, infrastructure or other large initiative would not *enable* a project of this size to go ahead and therefore would not be eligible.

**SUSTAINABILITY** - Note that the introduction to this section has been simplified:

The Arctic Inspiration Prize is about having impact with support and engagement of partners and team members.

**Eligibility Criteria 14** - Note that partner buy-in must be at least \$200,000:

Proposed projects must have buy-in from partners and are encouraged to have buy-in from team members. Buy-in can be in the form of in-kind or cash contributions. Buy-in

should be at least \$200,000 (20% of the amount requested from the AIP). For example, a buy-in amount of \$500,000 (50%) would be considered strong. Buy-in cannot exceed \$1 million (see criteria 13). Buy-in from partners and team members demonstrates engagement and support for a project and will therefore help to sustain the project beyond its planned duration. It will also help to attract additional funds from AIP Sustainability Partners and others in the long term. NOTE: Letters of Support must be included to confirm in-kind or cash contributions from partners listed in the project budget (section 4.3 of the Nomination Template). If needed, partners or organizations can note in their letters that the contributions are conditional on the team winning the Arctic Inspiration Prize. Any cash or in-kind partner contributions that are not supported by a Letter of Support will not be considered as part of the project buy-in, and having less than 20% confirmed buy-in will result in a nomination's ineligibility.

### **AIP Category**

**Eligibility Criteria 10** - Note that projects that *only* collect and store knowledge are not eligible: Proposed projects must bring knowledge to action with lasting impacts. Therefore projects that only collect and store knowledge (e.g. environmental monitoring, data or knowledge archiving, etc.) are not eligible.

**Eligibility Criteria 13** - Note that the total project costs cannot be more than twice (200%) the amount requested from the AIP:

The Arctic Inspiration Prize is about *enabling* diverse teams to implement innovative projects with real and relevant impacts. Therefore, the total project costs cannot be more than twice (200%) the amount requested from the AIP. For example, a request of \$400,000 from the AIP to help fund a larger project of \$1.5 million for a building, infrastructure or other large initiative would not *enable* a project of this size to go ahead and therefore would not be eligible.

**SUSTAINABILITY** - Note that the introduction to this section has been simplified:

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**Eligibility Criteria 14** - Note that partner buy-in should be at least 20% of the amount requested from the AIP:

Proposed projects must have buy-in from partners and are encouraged to have buy-in from team members. Buy-in can be in the form of in-kind or cash contributions. Buy-in should be at least 20% of the amount requested from the AIP. For example, a buy-in amount of \$200,000 (50% for an AIP request of \$400,000) would be considered strong. In this case, the buy-in could not exceed \$400,000 as the total project costs cannot exceed \$800,000, or twice the amount requested from the AIP (see criteria 13). Buy-in from partners and team members demonstrates engagement and support for a project and will therefore help to sustain the project beyond its planned duration. It will also help to attract additional funds from AIP Sustainability Partners and others in the long term. NOTE: Letters of Support must be included to confirm in-kind or cash contributions from partners listed in the project budget (section 4.3 of the Nomination Template). If needed, partners or organizations can note in their letters that the contributions

are conditional on the team winning the Arctic Inspiration Prize. Any cash or in-kind partner contributions that are not supported by a Letter of Support will not be considered as part of the project buy-in, and having less than 20% confirmed buy-in will result in a nomination's ineligibility.

## **Youth Category**

**Eligibility Criteria 1** - Note that, to be considered diverse, a Youth team might preferably reach out to one or more of the additional noted groups:

The Arctic Inspiration Prize is a team award. Individuals alone cannot be nominated. Since the Arctic Inspiration Prize is about teambuilding, it is strongly encouraged that teams be diverse (i.e. teams include Northerners and Southerners; youth and elders; people from communities, grassroots groups, industry and governments; and/or people from the research, philanthropy, culture, and education communities, etc.). A Youth team might preferably reach out to one or more of these additional groups.

**Eligibility Criteria 2** - Note that this criteria has been simplified:

The Team Leader and the majority of the team must be Northerners. A Northerner is defined as:

- An Indigenous person of the North working and preferably residing in the North; or
- A non-Indigenous person working and residing in the North.

**Eligibility Criteria 9** - Note that this criteria has been simplified and that projects that ***only*** collect knowledge are not eligible:

Proposed projects must bring knowledge to action with impacts. Single, short-term activities such as conferences, workshops and meetings are not eligible unless clearly embedded in a broader action plan. NOTE: Proposed projects that only collect knowledge and do not apply it or bring it to action are not eligible.

**SUSTAINABILITY** - Note that the introduction to this section has been simplified:

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**Eligibility Criteria 11** - Note that this criteria has been revised to provide more clarity:

Projects preferably have some buy-in from partners and/or from team members, which can be in-kind or cash contributions towards the project. Buy-in from partners and team members demonstrates engagement and support for a project and will therefore help to sustain the project beyond its planned duration. It will also help to attract additional funds from AIP Sustainability Partners and others in the long term. Contributions from partners, listed in the project budget (section 4.3 of the Nomination Template), should preferably be confirmed in Letters of Support. It can be mentioned in the letters that contributions are conditional on the team winning the AIP.

**Eligibility Criteria 14** - Note that this criteria has been simplified:

Any nomination that involves working with vulnerable members of society (i.e. minors, the elderly, and people with disabilities) must include Vulnerable Sector Checks (VSCs) for every member of the proposed team or provide confirmation that the process to obtain VSCs for every member of the proposed team has begun.

**Eligibility Criteria 15** - Note that this criteria has been simplified:

Teams must be nominated by a person independent from the project and team. Projects nominated by team members, or individuals who are in any way connected to the activities, outputs, or management/administration of the project are not eligible.

**Selection Criteria 1** - Note that this criteria has been simplified:

**TEAM DIVERSITY**

- Degree of team diversity;
- Extent to which those who will benefit from the project are included in the team; and
- Capacity of the team as a whole to successfully carry out the proposed project.