

eCampusOntario Micro-certification Platform Request for Quotes

Opportunity

eCampusOntario is seeking quotes for a platform to support fourteen micro-certification pilots from Ontario colleges and universities from January 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020.

Background

eCampusOntario is a consortium of all 45 colleges and universities in Ontario. The organization has been engaging its members in conversations regarding alternative approaches to recognition of learning since 2016.

At the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) in Australia, micro-credentials are used to “certify an individual’s achievements in specific skills and differ from traditional education credentials, such as degrees and diplomas, in that they are shorter can be personalised and provide distinctive value and relevance in the changing world of work.”¹

In July 2019, eCampusOntario convened a working group of employers, academics and community partners to develop a framework and principles document to guide micro-certification activity in the province. The framework and principles are designed to contribute to the development of a connected and cohesive skills recognition system that serves all Ontarians. [Download the framework and principles document here.](#)

To test the theory behind the framework, eCampusOntario is working with 14 Ontario institutions and their industry/employer partners to implement pilot projects in a variety of educational contexts. This RFQ is designed to find a platform that will support micro-certification activity for these pilots based on functional and compliance requirements defined with the help of project teams.

Service Description

The successful provider will provide access to a platform that includes all of the functional and compliance requirements. The functional requirements are aligned to the framework. Please see appendix A for a full list of functional and compliance requirements.

Requirements for Submission

Proponents submit a written response **using template provided** (no more than 8 pages) to this request for quote, clearly detailing the proponent’s ability to meet each functional requirement and compliance requirement (Appendix A). Proponents should also describe strategies for providing support to

¹ <https://www.rmit.edu.au/creds/faq>

eCampusOntario and selected Ontario post-secondary institutions for the duration of the pilot. All proposals must have a complete quote (in Canadian Dollars only) for all costs. Please note: quote for technology platform must be presented as a bulk cost not a per user cost.

Evaluation

Evaluators will score each submission against the following criteria:

- Adherence to compliance requirements
- Adherence to functional requirements
- Description of strategies and capacity to support eCampusOntario and institutions throughout the duration of the pilot, including intensive onboarding support in the week of January 13.
- Detailed quote for all related costs, in Canadian dollars.

Please note: all applicants must provide one point of contact for contract and payment.

Timeline

December 9: Deadline for submissions

December 12: Successful applicant is notified

December 20: Contract signed

January 1, 2020: Access to Platform

Week of January 13: Virtual onboarding with colleges and universities

February 21, 2020: Micro-certification Forum

March 31, 2020: eCampusOntario pilot ends

April 30, 2020: Platform license expires

Please send any questions to procurement@ecampusontario.ca

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