

THE INTERNATIONAL CURLING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Definitions

For the purpose of this REOI:

“ICCE” means the International Curling Centre of Excellence, a training facility that will nurture great talent from both within Manitoba and around the world;

“ICCE Committee” means the International Centre of Excellence committee membership representing players, coaches and icemakers with experience ranging from grassroots to top-level international competitions;

"REOI" means this Expression of Interest and all addenda that may be issued in respect of the REOI prior to the Submission Deadline;

"Manitoba" means the Government of Manitoba, as represented by the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage;

"Respondent" means the entity or person that makes a Response;

“Response” means the response to this REOI made by a Respondent;

"Submission Deadline" means the date and time set out in section 3 of this REOI or any amendment to that date and time made by Manitoba by way of addendum prior to that date and time.

1. Background

Manitoba has long been the centre of the curling world. Thousands of Manitobans have grown up throwing lead, second, third or skip rocks. We've had Olympic champions, world champions, Brier and Scotties' champions, and so many tournament wins and trophies that you'd need a day to count them.

When national and international competitions need skilled icemakers, the first place they look is Manitoba. When a team needs a great coach, you'll often find a Manitoban at the helm.

So what better place to be the home of the International Curling Centre of Excellence (ICCE). ICCE will attract curlers and teams from across Canada and around the world to come to Manitoba to pursue curling excellence. ICCE will nurture and develop the best of the best, setting the course for success on the world stage. It will be a centre capable of hosting world-class regional, national and international events.

It will be an inspiration to all curlers, encouraging people of all ages to pick up a broom and don a pair of curling shoes, so that one day they might become a champion.

For some time now, members of the ICCE Committee have been gathering input and feedback from curlers, coaches and spectators at major curling events. They've also reached out through their website (www.gov.mb.ca/icce) and through social media to garner more insights and opinions.

The committee is now seeking more feedback from interested parties through this Request for Expression of Interest. The REOI is open to individuals, organizations or corporations that have an interest in becoming an ICCE partner or sponsor. More details follow.

Vision

The ICCE will be a year-round, dedicated, professional curling facility based in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The ICCE will encourage support for curling at the grass roots level.

The ICCE will complement the mandates of the World Curling Federation, Curling Canada and CurlManitoba.

Purpose

The objective of this REOI is to stimulate and determine organizations, corporations or individuals interested in becoming partners or sponsors in the ICCE. It is also to identify potential sites and associated lands that may serve as a location for ICCE, including tenancy opportunities.

Responses to the REOI will help the ICCE Committee determine next steps, seek out potential interested parties, and further shape the recommendations and vision.

Responses to the REOI may take a variety of forms: lands, buildings, investment dollars, sponsors, and parties wanting to coexist or be associated with the ICCE facility.

This REOI is purposefully non-descriptive in order to encourage all interested parties to come forward to exchange ideas with the ICCE Committee.

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2. Opportunities

Opportunity #1 - Location

The ICCE Committee is seeking a location in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

It is estimated that the completed ICCE will require between 1.5 acres – 6.5 acres depending on use of existing facilities.

When submitting a Response for Opportunity #1, provide a descriptive submission that may include the following details:

- Access to transit
- Accessibility
- Age and condition of building (square footage, age of roof, etc.)
- Athletic training facilities in or near the space, including gym specifications (e.g. floor size, equipment, age of gym attendees)
- Land size and lot dimensions
- Meeting rooms
- Office space
- Parking (number of spots)
- Proximity to accommodations (e.g. hotels, restaurants, hospitals)
- Spectator space

Responses may include but are not limited to:

- Converting or incorporating an existing curling rink or ice facility that would no longer operate as a club or facility.
- Partnering with an established athletic facility with existing infrastructure for an athletic training facilities, meeting rooms, office space, and banquet facilities. (This option would need to provide information on adjacent lands for the construction of an ice facility.)
- Partnering with an established ice facility.
- Identifying property or properties for a new build.

Opportunity #2 – Potential Funding, Sponsorships, Partnerships, Coexistence

When submitting a Response for Opportunity #2 describe the interest or involvement your group would like to have with the ICCE in terms of financial partnerships, donations, in-kind support, curling partnerships, independent tenancy coexistence opportunities or sponsorships.

Some examples may include monetary contributions, locating your organization or business within the ICCE, or as a title sponsor.

3. Submission Requirements

Interested parties should submit their Responses in PDF format (maximum of six pages in addition to images) by August 7, 2018, midnight, CST. Responses received after this date and time may not be considered.

Submit by email to ICCE@gov.mb.ca or submit by mail or deliver personally or by courier to c/o Sport Secretariat, Department of Sport, Culture and Heritage, 6-213 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 1N3.

Please ensure Responses indicate interest in Opportunity #1 or Opportunity #2, or both, and include the Respondent's:

- Full legal name
- Contact person
- Mailing address
- Email address
- Phone number

Questions regarding the REOI may be directed by email to ICCE@gov.mb.ca

4. Conditions

Each Respondent making a Response to this Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) does so fully accepting that its Response is subject to the following conditions:

1. This REOI is neither a request for proposals nor a request for tenders. This is a request for information only and no legal obligations will arise hereunder in any circumstances. The ICCE Committee and Manitoba reserves the right to amend the scope of this REOI and to carry out discussions with one or more prospective Respondents at any time for the purpose of attempting to finalize an acceptable agreement, without recourse against the ICCE Committee or Manitoba.

2. Responses to this REOI become the property of the ICCE Committee and Manitoba and will not be returned to the Respondent. All Responses will be held in confidence by the ICCE Committee and Manitoba subject to such disclosure as may be required for internal approvals and processes, or by law or to satisfy a court order. Manitoba may, in its sole discretion, incorporate any recommendations or suggestions included in a Response into its planning, design, procurement (e.g. solicitation process such as a Request for Proposals or a Request for Quotations) or contractual activities related to any aspect of the ICCE, with any party in the public or private sector.

3. Manitoba may amend or clarify this REOI by one or more addendum issued before the Submission Deadline.
4. Manitoba may cancel this REOI at any time, with no liability whatsoever to any Respondent.
5. Respondents are responsible for all costs incurred by them in preparing and submitting Responses.
6. In its Response to this REOI, the Respondent must disclose any potential conflict of interest that might compromise this process. The Respondent must also disclose whether it is aware of any ICCE Committee member that has a financial interest with the Respondent and the nature of that interest. If such an interest exists, the ICCE Committee may at its discretion, refuse to consider the response, unless the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the ICCE Committee.