

# Call for tenders

## Design and implementation of a digital platform dedicated to the Anicinabe language



### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

**Organization:** Minwashin  
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### 2. CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

As part of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022–2032) and its Ojítodan<sup>1</sup> action plan, Minwashin wishes to develop a digital platform to:

- gather and pool existing and future linguistic resources;
- promote linguists, teachers, researchers and knowledge bearers;
- create a network of community-based language revitalization initiatives;
- integrate differentiated distribution levels in order to protect certain content and restrict access to it when necessary;
- create a living space for learning, sharing and intergenerational transmission.

#### Minwashin:

Dedicated to the transmission, creation, and promotion of Anicinabe arts, culture, and language, Minwashin is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure the continued growth of Anicinabemowin, in harmony with the values as well as current and future realities of the Anicinabe Nation. Promoting a language involves recognizing its value, its richness, and its historical significance, while ensuring its continued vitality and relevance. The organization also encourages individuals and communities to use the language, thereby increasing its visibility and accessibility. The implementation of «digital tools» is consistently mentioned as an effective approach to advancing these initiatives.

“Accessing all the knowledge that concerns us is essential to enable us to create the space where the language can evolve freely, from tree to tree, from portage to portage, from education to health, until the language ecosystem invades our entire territory.”

– Richard EJINAGOSI Kistabish, president of Minwashin

### 3. MANDATE

#### The selected service provider shall:

1. Conduct a needs analysis, in collaboration with the Ojítodan working group, to determine and structure platform expectations, including:
  - Definition of Web platform objectives
  - Definition of required functionalities
  - Development of user pathway
  - Development of a content tree structure
  - Schedule for implementation

<sup>1</sup>We make and build together

### 3. MANDATE (FOLLOWING)

#### 2. Design and develop a digital platform, which integrates:

- a straightforward and scalable architecture,
- adapted functionalities,
- an access control system that allows restricting certain contents,
- a design respectful of Minwasin's visual identity and culturally relevant,
- safety, maintenance and sustainability standards.

### 4. REQUIREMENTS AND TERMS

- Respect for the principles of intellectual property and sovereignty over Indigenous data.
- Compliance with digital accessibility standards.
- Collaborative approach respectful of cultural realities.
- Schedule providing for validation and feedback to the Ojitodan working group or the project management committee at key stages of development.
- Proposal integrating a support and training component to facilitate platform use.

### 5. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- Structure and analysis (report format) of platform-related requirements.
- Launch of functional platform by the fall of 2027.
- Proposed schedule and completion budget.
- Technical documentation and user guide.

### 6. GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

#### The tenders must include:

- Presentation of service provider or team (profile, similar projects).
- Proposed methodology for analysis, design and development.
- Budget with breakdown of costs.
- Schedule for implementation.
- Resources contact information.

Submissions to be received BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2025, by email at: [info@minwashin.org](mailto:info@minwashin.org)  
Object: Call for submissions – Anicinabe language digital platform

