



Métis National Council - Employment Opportunity Special Advisor to the President

The Métis National Council requires a special advisor with sound political acuity and judgment in dealing with offices of parliamentarians, ambassadors, standing committees, Aboriginal representative organizations, foundations, international Indigenous contacts and others. Ideally with a background in working in a political environment such as the House of Commons, the Special Advisor is expected to play a proactive role in securing engagement, meetings and opportunities for the President.

Essential functions of this position include: writing and management of correspondence; identifying and securing speaking opportunities; providing ongoing briefings and reports to the President; preparation of speaking points; media liaison; accompanying the President to meetings and events as required; and ongoing liaising with key existing and new contacts. The MNC requires a highly professional official to work with our team to raise the overall profile of the MNC through strategic communications and networking. Language skills and experience with international processes such as the United Nations and Organization of American States is a significant asset.

This position is a good fit for an individual who is self-motivated, an excellent communicator and who can provide strategic advice to advancing the interests of the Métis Nation at the national and international level through new collaborations. Experience in arranging speaking tours, special events management and partnership development would be beneficial. Based in Ottawa, this position offers a competitive salary and benefits package in the range of \$60,000 to \$70,000 (negotiable pending experience).

Interested individuals can submit a resume and covering letter outlining key qualification and interests to the attention of: Wenda Watteyne, Executive Director, Métis National Council by email wendaw@metisnation.ca.

Posting Date: April 9, 2010

Closing Date: April 30, 2010 @ 5:00 pm (ET)

Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Thank you in advance to all interested applicants.

Since 1983, the Métis National Council (MNC) has represented the Métis Nation at the national and international levels. The Métis people constitute a distinct Aboriginal nation largely based in western Canada with a population of 350,000 to 400,000. The Métis Nation grounds its assertion of Aboriginal nationhood on well-recognized international principles. It has a shared history, a common culture, a unique language, and extensive kinship connections from Ontario westward, a distinct way of life, a traditional territory and a collective consciousness.