Sample Consultant Services Policy

Consultant Services Policy and Procedures:

The Corporation may utilize a number of consultants to help in highly specialized areas (e.g. Intellectual Property) or where it is not economical to hire a full-time person to fill a position for a short-term project. The use of consultants allows the Corporation to gain access to highly skilled professionals to assist in very specialized areas.

The process for determination of need and selection process is as follows:

Step	Description	Responsible
Consulting Request	Identification of the need for outside consulting services to be used. All requests are reviewed at weekly management meeting.	Anyone in the Corporation may submit a request
Approval of Consulting	Approve request for consultant services.	President/CEO
Selection of Consultant	Selection depends on area of specialty. For scientific/research, the Chief Science Officer will make the selection. The President/CEO selects all other consultants.	President/CEO Chief Science Officer
Rates and Contract	All consultants are required to sign a consultant agreement that describes the services to be performed, the rate of payment, and terms (e.g., confidentiality) All rates are approved by the President/CEO and basis determined by regional salary scales, consultant institutional rate, or other reasonable methods.	President/CEO
Payment	Consultants must submit an invoice for services prior to payment. Rate based consultant services (e.g. hourly or daily charge), the invoice must include the time report specifying date, time, and description of work. The President/CEO, prior to payment, must approve fixed fee consultant services after review of consultant report/work performed.	President/CEO