Call for Expressions of Interest

From Academic Researchers interested in conducting a review of current Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) definitions and performance measures used in Nova Scotia’s District Health Authorities (DHAs) and IWK.

Soteria Strains - a Nova Scotia health care strategy for the prevention of musculoskeletal injuries (sprains and strains) related to patient lift, transfer and repositioning - intends to recommend a common set of occupational health and safety definitions and performance measures to align all district health authorities and the IWK to common OHS language and metrics prior to the implementation of a provincial risk management software tool.

Both leading and lagging indicators will need to be defined for such things as;

- absence,
- hazards,
- risk,
- injuries,
- incidents, etc

Soteria Strains is seeking the services of an academic researcher with requisite experience and qualifications to;

- Research the current state to determine what all Nova Scotia’s DHAs and the IWK currently use for definitions and measures
- Research industry accepted terminology from sources such as Worker’s Compensation Boards (WCB), similar jurisdictions, Industrial Accident Prevention Association (IAPA), Human Resources Benchmarking Network (HRBN) and National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- Develop a list of recommended definitions and metrics

Interested researchers are invited to apply by submitting the following application documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Letter of Motivation outlining how your experience, skills, qualifications and professional networks fit with the required deliverables (one page maximum)
- List of comparable publications authored
- Copies of the relevant articles/reports published through indication of www links or submission of PDF version of these via e-mail attachments
- Budget - not to exceed $20,000
- and timelines - project to be completed by no later than September 1, 2013

For further information on Soteria Strains injury prevention strategy please visit www.soteriahealth.ca and check out the white papers on evidenced based practice elements of a successful program and the business rationale for implementing an injury prevention strategy in Nova Scotia.

Please submit to Mark Williams at mark.williams@cdha.nshealth.ca by April 19, 2013.