

Experience in the Development of ICT Plans and Business Plans

While teaching in Rankin Inlet, I had the honour of being the very first school ICT coordinator in Nunavut at the Leo Ussak School from 1993 until 1997. During this time I created the first ICT plan, along with the first Acceptable Use Policy as well as teaching rubrics, for any school in Nunavut. I was privileged to write a business plan for the creation of "Igalaaq" the Rankin Inlet Community Access Centre, which opened in the fall of 1994. Using this business plan as a guide, we were able to raise over \$100,000 in cash and in-kind donations in a remote Inuit community in just over two years in a community of under 2,000 people.

I had the opportunity to create another business plan for my freelance writing and photography business, William Belsey Photography. This business flourished with many of my stories and photographs appearing in books and magazine around the world.

After we moved from the Arctic to southern Alberta, I created a business plan for another small business of mine in support of an online local community Web portal that I created for our new community of Cochrane, Alberta at www.cochraneonline.com. This popular community Web site was later sold to a local newspaper that plans to develop its content even further.

In 1998, while working as the facilitating teacher with the Galileo Educational Centre at Banded Peak School in Bragg Creek, Alberta, I helped to write the school's ICT plan and application to become a member of the Network of Innovative Schools. This application and accompanying NIS Project Plan was successful in support of the school becoming a pioneer NIS school. I sat on the schools Technology Planning Committee and helped to expand our ICT plans.

Shortly after this, I created another small business plan for my educational consulting business, www.inukshuk.com "Making Connections to Make a Difference!" This business is now referenced to this RFP submission.

Since 2001 I have worked with a teaching colleague in Freetown, Sierra Leone to develop and ICT and business plan with the goal of creating a shared community access centre in Freetown for the youth who have been so badly damaged, both physically and psychologically by the long civil war that has only just recently come to a halt. Evidence of this situation can be seen on our collaborative project at www.childsoldiers.org. I am very proud to say that this plan has provided guidance and a means for the community access center to open in Freetown in the spring of 2003.

I am currently creating a business plan for my non-profit project www.bullying.org. I worked with a supporting Board and a legal team to enable the name Bullying.org Canada Incorporated to be formally accepted by the Federal Government. I am working with this same team to establish Bullying.org Canada Incorporated with tax-receipt issuing status by Revenue Canada.

I am also a parent-volunteer and advisor on the ICT planning committees for the local community schools that my children attend.

I am also helping to develop a business plan for iEARN-Canada, to help establish an iEARN-Canada Centre for Global Understanding in partnership with the Faculty of Education at the University of Calgary.

During the past three years I have consulted with and provided support for 60 schools across Canada in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, the Yukon, Nunavut and Northwest Territories as we worked together to create NIS Project Plans that properly reflected the goals and vision of each school. This was very challenging as each of these schools had a unique vision and unique local and regional circumstances to take into consideration.