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Proposal without identifying information

Question	Response
<p>Because there are only two refugee centers in Alberta, it will be easy for reviewers to identify our organization. Is that a concern?</p>	<p>No, as the reviewers are not particularly aware of all details about all organizations.</p>
<p>How much information needs to be removed?</p>	<p>Please refer to “Proposal Response Format” on page 11 of the Request for Proposal.</p>
<p>Is it preferred to have the same proposal with any information redacted (blacked out)? Or is it preferred to reword the sections removing identifying information (i.e., replacing organizations name with “the applying organization”)?</p>	<p>Either approach will work. Preference is replacing identifiable information with generic terms.</p>
<p>For the application without identifying information—does this just refer to our names or are we not able to mention the settings where the studies will take place either? Or where some of the intervention or testing will be done?</p>	<p>Please remove all identifiable information about the applicant, or it will be identifiable.</p>
<p>How can the organization’s experience be stated without identifying it? As well, should we be describing the applicant or only the organization in this section? Or does this apply for individuals only and not for organizations?</p>	<p>All identifying information about the applicant should be removed. Experience should show up in the CVs provided.</p>
<p>How will the collaborations between various academics be listed without identifying?</p>	<p>All identifying information about the applicant should be removed.</p>

Our proposal will involve partnerships with other organizations. In order to explain the project and rationale, the partner organizations will need to be described, if not named. However it may still be possible to identify the organization by the description. Do you have other expectations about what should be eliminated in addition to names and organization names?

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Would a reference to the website be considered as identifying information?

Yes

It will be tough for us to write a strong proposal without giving away who we are—specifically if we talk about the work we have done. It will likely give away who we are as an organization. Would it be fair to reference the use of storytelling to spark conversations about change in health care but not the name of the story? Where would the line be on non-identifiable information?

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Yes, the use of storytelling without naming the story is acceptable.
