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The Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) is seeking a consultant for our [Community Science Initiative](#). As a part of this initiative, ASTC maintains a [Resource Library](#) with summaries of articles and toolkits from civic engagement and science engagement partners to help our members engage in equitable, co-created community science efforts.

**About the Project**

ASTC's Community Science Initiative supports our members so that they can more effectively join their communities in creating solutions to local priorities. As trusted institutions and inclusive spaces, science centers are uniquely positioned to mobilize and support community science to meet the needs and desires of local communities while advancing their missions. For science and technology centers and museums, community science is an emerging practice that they can use to fulfill their missions to advance lifelong science learning, connect science and society, engage diverse audiences, and partner to solve local and global challenges.

Through community science, community members collaborate to conduct and leverage scientific research and technological innovation to advance community priorities and benefit from knowledge and advancements of science and engineering, often in collaboration with scientists and science-engagement practitioners. We define “communities” broadly—as connected or organized groups of people who share a common geography, jurisdiction, set of characteristics, or interests and goals—not just a particular racial or ethnic group or zip code. Community science encompasses a diverse set of community-centered approaches, models, and tools that support communities as they use science and technology to answer their own questions and construct their own solutions.
**Consultant Scope of Work**

ASTC is seeking to engage a consultant with expertise in writing for general audiences and a background in community engagement or science engagement. The work would take place between November 2023 and November 2024. The consultant will be expected to:

- Attend a virtual kick-off meeting with ASTC staff, and quarterly virtual check-in meetings thereafter
- Generate brief, plain-language summaries of approximately 4-5 resources per quarter – including reports, articles, web-based toolkit, guidebook, and program examples— for the ASTC [Community Science Resource Library](#)
  - These summaries should draw out the highlights that are compelling to science engagement practitioners and should help our science center and museum members navigate and make use of the full resources
- Copyedit text written by ASTC staff or other consultants

**Details**

This is a remote position. Applicants must reside in the U.S.

Consultant will be paid $35-50 per hour (dependent on experience) for up to 60 hours of work.

The position can begin as early as November 15, 2023, with an expected duration of 1 year.

**About ASTC**

The [Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC)](http://astc.org) is a professional membership organization with a vision of increased understanding of—and engagement with—science and technology among all people and a mission to champion and support science and technology centers and museums.

Founded in 1973, ASTC champions and supports more than 500 science centers, technology museums, natural history museums, children’s museums, and other STEM-rich, place-based institutions, such as nature centers, aquariums, planetariums, zoos, and botanical gardens throughout North America and in nearly 50 countries—as well as nearly 200 other organizations that share an interest in science learning and engagement. ASTC is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit educational organization.
**Application Instructions**

If you are interested in this consulting role, please send the following items to Naomi Wallace, Manager of Impact Initiatives (nwallace@astc.org), and Melissa Ballard, Director of Programs (mballard@astc.org), by November 15, 2023:

- Your resume;
- A description of why you are a good fit for this role (less than 250 words);
- Two work samples that demonstrate your knowledge of the science center / museum field and your ability to write clearly for science engagement practitioners; and
- Your availability and maximum time commitment October 2023 through November 2025.

**Contact Information**

For questions regarding this RFP, please contact Naomi Wallace (nwallace@astc.org).