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## YUKON ECONOMIC SUMMIT: DEVELOPING FIRST NATION/PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

WHITEHORSE – First Nation business leaders from a number of jurisdictions will meet in Whitehorse May 27 and 28 to share their experiences in business development.

Internationally recognized aboriginal business leaders will be speaking on creating new business ventures across a wide range of economic sectors and disciplines.

"This business summit is building on the momentum generated at the First Nation roundtable meeting we convened in Anchorage during the Canada Gala," said Premier and Minister of Economic Development Dennis Fentie.

"This is also in step with the Yukon Party commitment for making First Nations full partners in the economy. We have invited some of the real movers and shakers in the aboriginal business community to provide their valuable insights on creating partnerships with the private sector for a wide range of venture opportunities."

One of the summit goals is to provide a venue for private sector business people to better understand the many new economic opportunities available through creating partnerships with Yukon First Nations. Business people from the oil and gas, forestry, construction, tourism and mineral development sectors are among those registered for this benchmark conference.

"The creation of this economic summit provides a forum for business people and First Nation development organizations to come together and discover new opportunities," said Judy Gingell, President of the Yukon Indian Development Corporation.

"The speakers attending have a vast knowledge and experience in creating and growing corporations with a wide range of investment interests."

To learn more and to register for the Yukon Economic Summit, visit the Yukon government website or call 667-5753.

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