



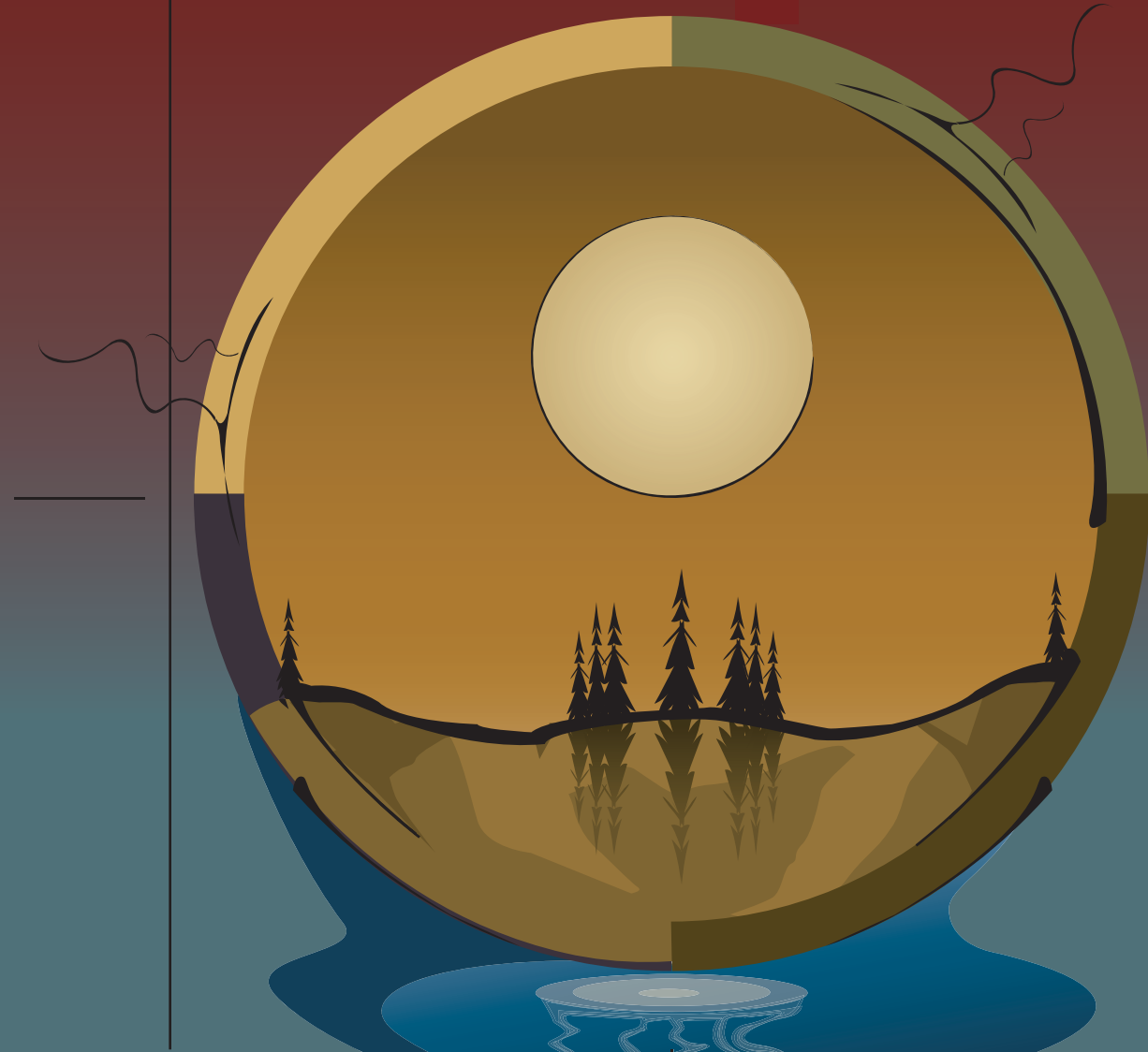
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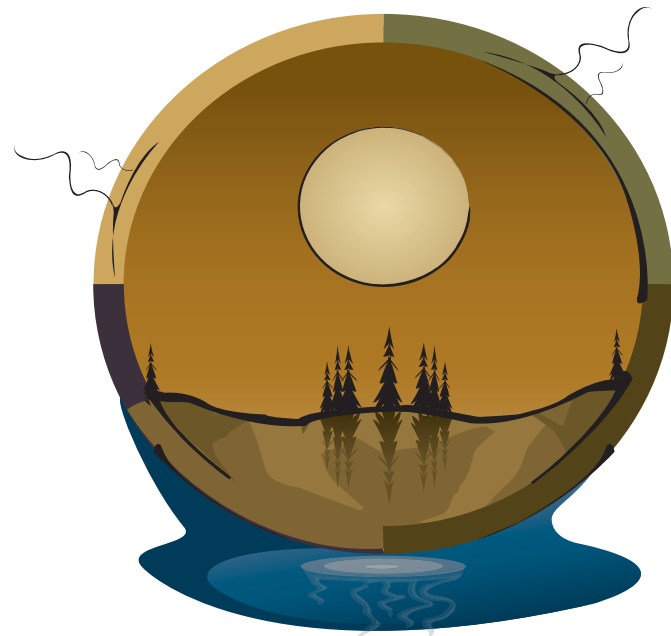
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THE INDIAN AND INUIT SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Indian and Inuit Services Directorate (I&IS) is part of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) and is responsible for supporting the unique relationship between the Crown and Aboriginal Peoples. The Director of Indian and Inuit Services reports to the Regional Director General in Yellowknife.

Indian and Inuit Services' mandate is:

- To support First Nations and Inuit organizations in obtaining control and accountability for the delivery of a variety of programs and services in their communities, and
- To ensure the timely and efficient delivery of the Government of Canada's fiduciary and statutory obligations.

INDIAN AND INUIT SERVICES MISSION STATEMENT

“To assist Aboriginal peoples in achieving their vision and aspirations by fulfilling our legal obligations and fostering capacity building.”

The Directorate offers programs and services under:

- Lands and Trust
- Funding
- Economic Development

This booklet presents a brief description of the individual and organizational programs and services offered through DIAND's Indian and Inuit Services Directorate. If you would like more detailed information, please do not hesitate to contact us. The following pages contain the contact numbers for each program and/or service.

Lands & Trust Services

This program fulfills the Government of Canada's ongoing fiduciary and statutory obligations.

Registration, Revenue and Band Governance

This service is directly related to DIAND's responsibilities under the Indian Act and includes:

- maintaining the Indian Band registers
- assisting people who wish to apply for status Indian reinstatement under Bill C-31
- helping Bands establish their own membership rules
- assisting Bands with the development of election policies

Additional responsibilities include:

- providing Indian Status certificates
- making Treaty payments
- fulfilling statutory obligations established under Treaty 8 and 11
- advising on band by-law development

Trust and Estates

Trust and Estates administer funds held in trust for individuals and/or Bands. The daily administration of estates, in accordance with the Indian Act, is contracted under formal agreement to the Government of the Northwest Territories Public Trustee. For more information on estates contact the Public Trustee's office at (867) 873-7464 or Toll Free at 1-866-535-0423.

Lands and Environment

Lands and Environment offers support and advice to First Nations, Tribal Councils and members regarding land management/ administration, environmental protection and Indian Affairs Branch Lands/Lands Set Aside administration. The division also assists with natural resource management on reserve lands, land use planning, by-law development and land designations on reserves as well as the creation of and additions to Reserves.

For information on Registration, Revenue, Band Governance or Trust and Estates, please call (867) 669-2619 or Toll Free at 1-888-414-4340.

For information on Lands and Environment please call (867) 669-2611 or our Toll Free 1-888-414-4340.



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Funding Services



Funding Services transfers money to First Nations and Tribal Councils for the delivery of programs and services in their communities. Funding Services also coordinates the administration and management of funding arrangements between DIAND and First Nations, Tribal Councils and other incorporated First Nation and Inuit organizations.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

DIAND's four Indian Government Support (IGS) programs to First Nations people and organizations make up its principal governance and administrative support.

The Band Support Funding (BSF) grant is available to all First Nations recognized under the Indian Act. The other three - Tribal Councils Funding, Indian Management Development and Band Employee Benefits Program - are programs targeted to address specific individual and organizational needs and circumstances and complement the BSF.

Band Support Funding

This grant assists Band councils in meeting the costs of local government and administrating departmentally funded services. This support is intended to provide a stable funding base to facilitate effective community governance and the efficient delivery of services. Band Support Funding allows First Nation communities the flexibility to allocate

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funds according to their individual needs and priorities and to be responsive in an environment of growing complexity as they move towards self-government.

Tribal Council Funding

This program provides core funding to Tribal Councils for the delivery of programs and services to member First Nations. The funding is for the management and administration of Tribal Councils as well as for the delivery of advisory services and programs to affiliated Bands. Inline with increasing self-reliance, Tribal Council Funding provides a mechanism by which Bands can combine to more effectively deliver programs and services previously delivered by DIAND.

Tribal Council Funding is provided to formally incorporated Tribal Councils and enables them to provide member First Nations with the following advisory services:

- financial management
- band government support
- economic development

Indian Management Development (IMD)

Indian Management Development is a proposal-driven program that supports good management practices and training for First Nation communities and organizations to facilitate effective community governance and efficient delivery of services.

The program provides funding for a variety of educational, training and developmental opportunities that will:

- Increase awareness and knowledge among Bands and community members of generally accepted management practices and the roles, responsibilities and services provided by their local government;
- Improve the ability of communities to identify their management needs and capabilities and develop and implement management development requirements and plans;
- Enable bands to hire consultants or other professionals to provide management advisory support; and

- Support educational, training and management institutes that provide professional development support and training to First Nation organizations.

Band Employee Benefits (BEB) Program

The Band Employee Benefits Program provides funding for eligible Indian employers, First Nation Councils or Tribal Councils to pay the cost of the employer's share of contributions to pension and benefit plans for eligible employees. These may include the cost of employer-sponsored pension plans, underwriter fees/administrative costs, the Canada Pension Plan and additional non-statutory employee benefits.

This funding is only applicable to First Nation or Tribal Council employees funded through DIAND.

FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY

There are four programs administered by DIAND under the First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy (FNIYES). The FNIYES is a component of the government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy.

Science and Technology Program

The program supports science and technology related activities that encourage an education/career in these areas and promote the benefits of education as the key to getting a job. It provides First Nations and Inuit youth with first-hand experience in various science and technology disciplines and may include the enhancement of traditional knowledge.

Eligible participants are First Nation and Inuit youth ordinarily resident on-reserve or in recognized communities.

Career Promotion and Awareness Program

This program supports the development and enhancement of essential employability skills, addresses career planning and access to career development information such as career fairs, leadership projects and life and work skills development for the participant and highlights education as key to getting a job.

Eligible participants are First Nation and Inuit youth ordinarily resident on-reserve or in recognized communities.

Student Summer Employment Opportunities Program

Offers work experience opportunities during the summer months for First Nations and Inuit secondary and post-secondary students to enable them to acquire skills, gain experience and earn wages to help meet on-going educational costs.

Eligible participants are First Nations and Inuit secondary and post secondary students aged 15 to 30 ordinarily residents on-reserve or in recognized communities who were registered as full-time students during the preceding academic year and who intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year.



Youth Work Experience Program

This program provides mentoring, work experience, career planning, counselling activities including a needs assessment, life and work skill development and exposes individuals to a variety of career options.

Eligible participants are First Nation and Inuit youth aged 15 to 30 ordinarily resident on-reserve or in recognized communities who are out of school, unemployed or underemployed.

Core Funding

Core funding allows First Nations to hire and/or retain organizations to represent them politically at the tribal, treaty and/or regional level.

Aboriginal Representative Organisations Program (AROP)

AROP enables representative organizations to speak for their members in consultation initiatives that help define and facilitate the way Aboriginal organizations work with the federal government.

Professional Development

Professional Development funds enable First Nations and Inuit organizations to develop strong and sustainable governance structures. Through this funding, DIAND supports the capacity development of First Nations and Inuit and assists with policy and program development initiatives.

For information on Funding Services, please call (867) 669-2626 or our Toll Free 1-888-414-4340.

Economic Development Services

Economic Development Services assists First Nations and Inuit by helping to create the necessary conditions and environment for communities to seize and sustain socio-economic opportunities. Economic Development Services is the lead contact for the Aboriginal socio-economic programs offered by the DIAND in the NWT Region.

These programs are for First Nations and Inuit organizations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Economic Development Program (CEDP)

The Community Economic Development Program (CEDP) formerly referred to in the NWT Region as the Community Economic Development Opportunity program (CEDO), provides financial support to First Nation and Inuit communities for economic development initiatives. The financial support is intended for community economic development, planning and capacity development initiatives, proposal development, leveraging financial resources, and for carrying out economic development activities.





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Community Economic Opportunities Program (CEOP)

The Community Economic Opportunities Program (CEOP) provides project-based/proposal driven support to those First Nation and Inuit communities that have identified economic development opportunities which demonstrate significant economic benefits for their respective communities.

The Community Economic Opportunities Program (CEOP) is expected to lead to community economic benefits as a result of planning and negotiating activities, research and advocacy initiatives and economic infrastructure projects.

Community Support Services Program (CSSP)

This program is intended to fund the implementation of national and regional plans to deliver support services to First Nation and Inuit community economic development organizations. The support services are intended to increase the economic capacity with community

organizations to carry out one-time projects and ongoing activities related to economic development.

The program does not seek proposals from First Nation and Inuit communities or their designated or mandated organizations.

Program implementation date is to be determined in the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

ABORIGINAL PROCUREMENT/ ABORIGINAL WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION

Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business

Under the Procurement Strategy, contracts that serve a primarily Aboriginal population can be set aside for competition

among qualified Aboriginal businesses. Federal government managers are also encouraged to voluntarily set aside contracts for goods and services they require for competition among Aboriginal businesses only.

Aboriginal businesses are also encouraged to compete for federal contracts which are open to all qualified suppliers and should register with the Aboriginal Supplier Inventory by contacting the NWT regional office or by registering on-line at DIAND's web site (<http://www.inac.gc.ca>).

Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative (AWPI)

This initiative facilitates the process of equitable participation of Aboriginal peoples in the Canadian workforce by enhancing awareness, capacity and partnerships between Aboriginal peoples and all sectors of the economy. This process is built upon a foundation of mutual respect, innovation and the pursuit of excellence.

AWPI is part of the federal government's commitment to help Aboriginal peoples build stronger, healthier and more self-reliant communities. As such, it complements other federal employment and economic development programs.

For information on Aboriginal Procurement/Workforce Programs and Services, please call (867) 669-2624 or Toll Free 1-888-414-4340.

For information on Economic Development Services, please call (867) 669-2625 or Toll Free at 1-888-414-4340.

Programs & Services



Delivered by Other Agencies

DIAND funds a number of programs and services that are administered and delivered by the Government of the Northwest Territories and other agencies. These programs and services include:

- University/College Entrance Preparation Program (UCEP)
- Family Violence Resources
- Disability Services
- Estates Services
- First Nations Forestry Program



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Contact Information

All staff of the Indian and Inuit Services Directorate are located on the 5th floor of the Precambrian Building, 4920 - 52nd Street, in Yellowknife.

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