

JEDI

(Joint Economic Development Initiative)

What is JEDI?

Created in 1995, JEDI is a unique forum of open dialogue that brings together representatives of New Brunswick's Aboriginal communities, the Government of Canada and the Province of New Brunswick. Encouraging a streamlined, cooperative approach, JEDI works to facilitate undertakings that stimulate economic development and promote well-being among Aboriginal people throughout the province.

How it works

JEDI achieves its objectives through the work of seven working groups.

- **Plenary Group:** seeks input and guidance from Aboriginal individuals and groups, promotes an open process and better access to information related to Aboriginal economic development and encourages coordination among partners.
- **Community Economic Development Committee:** fosters a holistic approach to Aboriginal economic development through communication, networking, entrepreneurship development and capacity building.
- **Cultural Awareness Committee:** advocates for the development, implementation, and coordination of Mi'kmaq and Maliseet cross-cultural awareness activities within the governments of Canada and New Brunswick, as well as the private sector.
- **Procurement and Joint Venture Committee:** identifies federal procurement and joint-venture opportunities for Aboriginal businesses, promotes partnerships to increase procurement opportunities, communicates pertinent information to government agencies, Aboriginal groups and businesses, assists in clarifying the procurement process.
- **Employment Placement Committee:** identifies ways of increasing Aboriginal workforce participation in public and private sectors, explores new employment approaches by identifying traditional obstacles and determining ways to alleviate them.
- **Resource Sectors Committee:** works with federal and provincial departments to identify potential economic opportunities in the natural resource sector, supports and encourages the development of Aboriginal projects related to natural resources.
- **Communications Committee:** shares economic development information; increases public awareness and program visibility.

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