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### PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

#### Advanced Education, Employment and Labour

##### **Job Start/Future Skills**

The Job Start/Future Skills program links training to employment. The program provides a range of skills training solutions for Saskatchewan people.

It is a program offered in partnership with Saskatchewan businesses, industry associations, individuals, public training institutions and other training deliverers to:

- provide recognized training and employment opportunities for unemployed Saskatchewan people who need job skills;
- provide employers with the skilled workers they need to fill new positions;
- help industry associations, communities and training institutions to work together to meet training and employment needs specific to industry; and
- enable public training institutions to respond quickly to industry needs for skilled workers.

For more information, visit <http://www.aee.gov.sk.ca/jsfs/> or phone (306) 787-2354.

##### **Sector Partnership Program**

Sector Partnerships provides financial assistance to industry sectors that are important to the province's ability to compete in external markets. Funding is provided to implement partnerships with trainers and communities in order to do human resource planning, and to develop training approaches that meet the need for skilled employees in certain industries.

For more information, visit <http://www.aee.gov.sk.ca/jsfs/spp> or phone (306) 787-2613.

#### Enterprise Saskatchewan

##### **Programs and Services**

A comprehensive listing of all programs and services listed in one spot. If you know what you're looking for, you'll find it quickly here! <http://www.enterprisesaskatchewan.ca/programs%20services>  
Call the toll free line at 1-800-265-2001

##### **Business Development**

The Regional Enterprise - Service Delivery and Strategy Branch provides business, co-operative and community economic development support through assessment, information, path finding and referral services. It encourages job creation by Saskatchewan's business community by coordinating and delivering comprehensive small business support systems in partnership with the public and private sectors.

##### **More information on business development:**

- [Entrepreneurship](#)
- [Small Business](#)
- [Business Resources](#)

##### **Co-operative Development Assistance Program (CDAP)**

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to supporting economic development and diversification in Saskatchewan through the development of new co-operatives. The purpose of the Co-operative Development Assistance Program is to encourage and support the development and expansion of new co-operatives enterprises. Enterprise Saskatchewan administers CDP.

[http://www.enterprisesaskatchewan.ca/Co-operative\\_Development](http://www.enterprisesaskatchewan.ca/Co-operative_Development)  
or phone (306) 787-0190.

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### **SaskBiz.ca**

This new interactive website provides vital information to companies interested in doing business in Saskatchewan.

To find out more about the economic potential of a Saskatchewan community or region, visit Saskbiz.ca at <http://www.saskbiz.ca>

### **Small Business Loans Associations (SBLA)**

The Small Business Loans Association Program encourages diversification of the Saskatchewan economy and supports community economic development by making funding available, through community-run organizations, to non-traditional entrepreneurs. Thousands of small businesses have been assisted, and hundreds of Small Business Loans Associations (SBLA) have been formed, since the program was introduced in 1989. Community-based interest groups, co-operatives, corporations, Rural Development Corporations and Regional Economic Development Authorities can form Small Business Loans Associations. Under The Business Corporations Act or The Co-operatives Act, the SBLA can incorporate as either "for profit" or "non-profit".

**Eligible Applicants:** all residents and corporations located in the SBLA's region

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** loans

**Support Services:** business consulting available

For more information, visit <http://www.enterprisesaskatchewan.ca/SBLA> or phone (306) 787-7154.

### **Youth Opportunities Unleashed (YOU)**

The purpose of the YOU program is to assist young adults between 18 and 34 years of age to consider opening a business in their community.

YOU has four components:

- Financing
- Entrepreneurial Training
- Mentorship
- Business Planning

For more information, contact:

YOU Initiative  
Enterprise Saskatchewan  
200-3085 Albert Street  
REGINA SK S4S 0B1  
Phone: 1-800-265-2001  
Fax: (306) 798-0796  
Email: [YOU@gov.sk.ca](mailto:YOU@gov.sk.ca)

### **First Nations and Métis Relations**

This ministry's mandate is to work with First Nations and Métis people, northerners, and other orders of government to advance common interests and to improve social and economic outcomes of northerners and Aboriginal people.

The Northern Affairs Branch strives to: stimulate and support business and employment development in northern Saskatchewan; promote maximum benefits and opportunities for northerners from northern development; and support regional economic planning and sector development in northern Saskatchewan.

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### Northern Development Fund (NDF)

**Eligible Applicants:** Northerners – those who have spent 10 years or half their lives in the North

**Eligible Projects:** Primary Production (commercial fishing, trapping & wild rice); Construction, Forestry, Mining, Tourism; Retail only if deemed essential to the marketplace

**Type of Funding Assistance:** Northern Development Fund (NDF) grants

NDF Grant Programs

- Youth Entrepreneurship Program
- Marketing, Promotion, Research & Development Program
- Business Skill and Organizational Development Program

NDF Loan Program

- Primary Production Loan Program (Trapping, Fishing, Wild Rice etc.)

**Support Services:** Staff are available to provide business consulting services and to assist with NDF grant applications.

Information about the NDF can be obtained by contacting:

Northern Affairs Branch

Box 5000

La Ronge SK S0J 1L0

Phone: 1-866-663-4065 Fax: (306) 425-4267

Or visit our website at <http://www.fnmr.gov.sk.ca/northern/>

### Enterprise Regions in the North

The nature of what drives the provincial economy is changing rapidly, and Saskatchewan is poised to enjoy tremendous economic growth and must adapt to strengthen our competitive position during these changing times. Input over recent years from communities, economic developers, industry, businesses and clients identified a variety of items from consistent service in all areas of the province, stable and equitable funding, and clear governance to improve regional development.

Enterprise Regions in the North will be new not-for-profit entities, or acceptable equivalent existing organizations, with representation from diverse regional economic stakeholders in key sectors of the region's economy, communities and other organizations to provide the focus and leadership necessary to build high performing regions.

Information about Enterprise Regions in the North can be obtained by contacting:

Northern Affairs Branch

Box 5000

La Ronge SK S0J 1L0

Phone: 1-866-663-4065 Fax: (306) 425-4267

Or visit our website at <http://www.fnmr.gov.sk.ca/northern-ners>

### Saskatchewan Crown Investments Corporation (CIC)

#### First Nations and Métis Fund

The First Nations and Métis Fund was publicly announced on May 11, 2006. CIC is providing \$20 million to the Fund from 2006 through to 2009. Investments will be made in new or expanding businesses which are majority-owned or controlled by First Nations or Métis people.

**Eligible Applicants:** all corporations of Saskatchewan which are majority-owned or controlled by First Nations or Métis people

**Eligible Projects:** Value-added Agriculture; Advanced Technology; Energy; Mining; Forestry & forestry developments; Manufacturing and Aboriginal-themed Tourism

**Type of Funding Assistance:** debt, equity, or sub-debt.

**Support Services:** business consulting available only on projects being considered

For more information, visit <http://fnmf.ca> or <http://www.cicorp.sk.ca/fnm-fund/about-fnmfund.htm> or phone (306) 665-0200.

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CIC participated in the establishment of the Entrepreneurial Foundation of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund. Both are available to Aboriginal businesses.

### **Entrepreneurial Foundation of Saskatchewan**

The Entrepreneurial Foundation of Saskatchewan is a non-profit organization providing advisory services, training and mentorship to entrepreneurs seeking access to investment capital during the initial business start-up or expansion. It is also the gateway to the Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund. Contact the Foundation at 1-888-964-2010 (toll free), email [info@efsk.ca](mailto:info@efsk.ca) or visit <http://www.efsk.ca/>.

### **Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund**

The Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund provides funding of up to \$1 million to start-up and expanding Saskatchewan businesses. It will invest in all sectors of the Saskatchewan economy, with the exception of retail and traditional farm operations.

For more information on the Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund, call the Fund's manager, PFM Capital Inc. at 306-791-4855 or e-mail [pfm@pfm.ca](mailto:pfm@pfm.ca).

### **Apex Investment Fund**

CIC, with a number of Credit Unions, launched the Apex Investment Fund. The Apex Investment Fund will make Investments in the range of \$1 million to \$4 million, with a special emphasis on projects in smaller Saskatchewan cities and rural communities. It will assist new and expanding, small to medium-sized businesses operating in the following economic sectors: value-added agriculture, advanced technology, manufacturing, energy, mining and forestry.

For more information, call the Fund's manager, PFM Capital Inc. at 306-791-4855 or e-mail [pfm@pfm.ca](mailto:pfm@pfm.ca).

### **Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC)**

SRC's mission is to help the people of Saskatchewan strengthen the economy with quality jobs and a secure environment. The SRC does this through research, development, and the transfer of innovative scientific and technological solutions, applications and services.

The council's mandate is to consider matters pertaining to research, development, design, consultation, innovation, and commercialization of the sciences, pure and applied.

**Eligible Applicants:** all residents and corporations of Saskatchewan

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** applied research

**Support Services:** business consulting available

For more information, visit <http://www.src.sk.ca/index.cfm> or phone (306) 933-5400 or (306) 787-9400.

### **Saskatchewan Trade & Export Partnership (STEP)**

STEP is a unique public-private partnership led by industry and established as a non-profit corporation in 1996 by the Province of Saskatchewan. STEP works in partnership with Saskatchewan businesses to maximize commercial success in global ventures. STEP's team of professionals deliver trade development, custom market research and access to export financing for exporters in the Province.

**Eligible Applicants:** all individuals and corporations of Saskatchewan

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** consulting services to exporters

**Support Services:** Business consulting available.

For more information, visit <http://www.sasktrade.sk.ca/> or phone 1-877-313-7244.

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### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

#### Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC)

Aboriginal Business Canada is an Industry Canada program that maximizes Aboriginal people's participation in the economy through business development. They do this by working with Aboriginal Entrepreneurs and Businesses. ABC provides support to Aboriginal entrepreneurs for a range of activities including business planning, start-up, expansion and marketing.

**Eligible Applicants:** First Nations, Inuit & Métis individuals and corporations

**Eligible Projects:** For Youth applicants (ages 18 to 35) – all sectors; for non-Youth applicants, targeted sectors: Tourism, Value-Added Agriculture, and Technology

**Type of Funding Assistance:** grants only, cost of business plan, capital costs

**Support Services:** grant support for a professionally prepared business plan

Interested persons should begin by contacting the nearest Aboriginal Business Canada regional office to discuss their project with an officer. In Saskatchewan, contact:

Aboriginal Business Canada

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

7th Floor - 123 Second Avenue South

Saskatoon Saskatchewan S7K 7E6

Telephone: 306-975-4361 Fax: 306-975-5334

E-mail: abc-saskatoon@ic.gc.ca

Web site: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ab/abc/index-eng.asp>

#### Aboriginal Contract Guarantee Instrument (ACGI)

The Aboriginal Contract Guarantee Instrument gives Aboriginal contractors the help they need to qualify for more business opportunities. The ACGI proves to the project owners that their contractors can guarantee satisfactory job completion. For more information, visit <http://www.nacca.net>

National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association (NACCA)

Suite 605 - 75 Albert Street

Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5E7

Telephone: 613-688-0894 Fax: 613-688-0895

E-mail: office@nacca.net

#### Agricultural Lending for Saskatchewan First Nation Farmers

The Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation (SIEF) provides collateral and operating loans to Saskatchewan Indian farmers. SIEF's mandate is to facilitate Indian agricultural development in the province by providing access to financial assistance under reasonable terms and conditions. They can provide short-term operating loans for equipment and livestock purchases.

In Saskatchewan, contact:

Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation (SIEF), Northern Region

1192 - 102 Street

North Battleford, Saskatchewan S9A 1E9

Telephone: (306) 446-7486 Fax: (306) 446-7447

E-mail: cmaze@saskel.net

Or

Loans Officer

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Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation (SIEF)  
1925 Rose Street  
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3P1  
Telephone: 306-522-2770 Fax: 306-522-2812  
E-mail: [ssugar@sief.sk.ca](mailto:ssugar@sief.sk.ca)  
Web site: <http://www.canadabusiness.ca>

### **Business Development Bank of Canada**

The Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) is a financial institution wholly owned by the government of Canada. BDC plays a leadership role in delivering financial, investment and consulting services to Canadian small businesses, with a particular focus on the technology and export sectors of the economy. The program offers financial support as well as business counseling and a number of other tools for entrepreneurs. For information call 1-877-BDC-BANX (232-2269) or visit [www.bdc.ca](http://www.bdc.ca)

### **Community Futures Development Corporations – Saskatchewan**

With core funding assistance provided by Western Economic Diversification (WD), the Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDC) in western Canada are actively engaged in a wide array of community economic development activities in their respective regions. Given the importance of small business to Canada's changing economy, the CFDCs foster entrepreneurial development by providing both financial and technical support to new and existing small businesses in non-metropolitan communities.

**Eligible Applicants:** all residents and corporations of the region

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** loans only

**Support Services:** Business consulting available

For more information, visit [www.cbcs.org](http://www.cbcs.org)

### **First Nations Forestry Program (FNFP)**

Forestry-based activities on- and off-reserve are expected to provide economic opportunities for First Nation communities. The First Nations Forestry Program (FNFP) is a national program designed to assist First Nations to build capacity and assume control of the management of their forest resources, to establish partnerships with provincial and industry, and to actively participate in off-reserve forestry and other economic development opportunities. The program involves Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN).

Canadian Forest Service  
Natural Resources Canada  
1288 Central Avenue  
Prince Albert Saskatchewan S6V 4V8  
Telephone: 306-953-8546 Fax: 306-953-8649  
E-mail: [mnewman@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:mnewman@nrcan.gc.ca)  
Web site: <http://www.cbcs.org>

### **First Nations and Inuit Youth Work Experience Program**

Administered by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the objectives of this program are to:

- Support opportunities for mentored work experience;
- Support employees in developing essential skills, such as communication, problem solving, and working with others;
- Expose youth to a variety of career options; and
- Promote the benefits of education as being key to labor market participation.



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Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Room 200 - 1 First Nations Way  
Regina Saskatchewan S4S 7K5  
Telephone: 306-780-8216 Fax: 306-780-6540  
E-mail: ElkingtonD@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Education Officer  
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Terrasses de la Chaudière - 10 Wellington Street  
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4  
Telephone: 819-953-2080  
E-mail: lockec@ainc-inac.gc.ca  
Web site: <http://www.inac-ainc.gc.ca>

### **Growth Capital for Aboriginal Business**

Administered by Service Canada, Growth Capital for Aboriginal Business aims to increase access to capital for Aboriginal entrepreneurs who want to start a small business or expand an existing business operating on- or off-reserve in Canada.

**Eligible Applicants:** all residents and corporations of Saskatchewan

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** loans only

**Support Services:** Business consulting available

For more information, visit [www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca)

### **Supplementary Equity Loans Program - SMEDCO**

The Supplementary Equity Program provides equity loans to the Aboriginal Business Canada programs and other public and private financing programs and institutions.

Through the Supplementary Equity Program, the Sask Métis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO) will assist an entrepreneur or corporate business to acquire part of the equity requirement to qualify for regular loans from the Corporation and/or other financial institutions. These loans can be for amounts up to a maximum of \$40,000.00 per applicant. The maximum term for repayment is 5 years.

Sask Métis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO)  
108 - 219 Robin Crescent  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7L 6M8  
Telephone: (306) 477-4350 Fax: (306) 373-2512  
E-mail: [smedco@smedco.ca](mailto:smedco@smedco.ca)  
Web site: <http://www.smedco.ca/>

### **Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD)**

A department of the Government of Canada, Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) was established in 1987. WD works to improve the long-term economic competitiveness of the West and the quality of life of its citizens by supporting a wide range of initiatives targeting three inter-related priorities – Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Community Economic Development. WD's mandate is also to advance the interests of the West in national economic policy.

**Eligible Applicants:** all residents and corporations of Saskatchewan

**Eligible Projects:** targeted sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** loans only

For more information, visit [www.wd.gc.ca](http://www.wd.gc.ca)

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### OTHER DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

#### Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF)

The purpose of the CCDF is to provide financial assistance where currently there is a void for Métis clients. The CCDF is not designed to replace or be in competition with existing government programs, agencies and other financial institutions; rather, its purpose is to augment and complement those services. All applicants are to explore other sources of funding. The CCDF will not fund cultural activities, social programs, operations of political bodies, or projects not related to economic development.

**Eligible Applicants:** Métis individuals and corporations of Saskatchewan

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** Interest-free loans to enhance applicant equity for other agencies' equity requirements; Equity loans; Grants available to Métis-owned community development corporations to invest in projects.

**Support Services:** Business consulting available.

Clarence Campeau Development Fund  
2158 Airport Drive  
Saskatoon, SK S7L 6M6  
Phone: (306) 657-4870 Fax: (306) 657-4890  
Toll-free: 1-888-657-4870  
Web site: <http://ccdflx.sasktelwebhosting.com/>

#### Northern Enterprise Fund Inc. (NEIF)

Northern Enterprise Fund Inc. is a corporation that was established in 1988 by Sask Power to support business and education in northern Saskatchewan. Any individual or northern business resident in the Northern Enterprise Fund Region may apply (anywhere north of the 54th parallel) or refer to the map at the following address: <http://www.fnmr.gov.sk.ca/NAD-map>

**Eligible Applicants:** all residents and corporations of the NAD

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** loans only

**Support Services:** Business consulting available

Northern Enterprise Fund Inc.  
Box 220  
Beauval, Saskatchewan S0M 0G0  
Phone: (306) 288-2258 or 1-800-864-3022  
Fax: (306) 288-4667  
Web site: <http://www.nefi.ca/index.html>

#### Canadian Co-operative Association (CAA)

The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Co-operative Development Program is a five-year (2011 – 2016) pilot program developed in collaboration with national aboriginal organizations to help Aboriginal communities explore the potential of co-operatives to meet their needs. Funding will be available for: consultations between First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities and existing co-operatives on potential projects; pre-feasibility studies; feasibility studies and training opportunities for potential and existing staff and/or boards.

**Eligible Applicants:** First Nations and Métis organizations in Saskatchewan

**Eligible Projects:** Co-operative development

**Type of Funding Assistance:** grants

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For more information, visit [http://www.coopscanada.coop/en/coopdev/FNMI\\_coopsd](http://www.coopscanada.coop/en/coopdev/FNMI_coopsd).

### **Indian Equity Foundation (SIEF)**

The SEIF Business Loans program provides business loans to Treaty and Status Indian people in the province of Saskatchewan. The program is designed to assist both new and existing businesses. Commercial lending services are offered to First Nations individuals, partnerships, corporations and band-owned businesses. Loan applications are reviewed based on the viability of the proposed business, client capacity and applicant's credit, character and collateral.

**Eligible Applicants:** First Nations individuals and corporations of Saskatchewan

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** loans only

**Support Services:** Business consulting available; staff may be available to assist with the preparation of business plans.

For more information, visit [www.sief.sk.ca/](http://www.sief.sk.ca/) or phone (306) 955-4550 in Saskatoon, (306) 522-2811 in Regina or (306) 446-7486 in North Battleford.

### **Sask Métis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO)**

#### **Small Business Loans Program**

SMEDCO is a Saskatchewan Métis-owned and operated business development organization, whose purpose is to assist in the creation of viable Métis business ventures. To achieve this goal, SMEDCO provides the following programs: capital loans, working capital loans, supplementary equity loans, bridge loans and business advisory services. Since 1987, SMEDCO has disbursed 1,011 loans totaling \$22 million for 550 Métis-owned businesses in Saskatchewan.

**Eligible Applicants:** Métis individuals and corporations of Saskatchewan

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** loans only

**Support Services:** Business consulting available; staff may be available to assist with the preparation of business plans.

Sask Métis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO)

108 - 219 Robin Crescent

Saskatoon Saskatchewan S7L 6M8

Telephone: (306) 477-4350 Fax: (306) 373-2512

E-mail: [snedco@snedco.ca](mailto:snedco@snedco.ca)

Web site: <http://www.smedco.ca/>

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### FORUMS and TRAINING

#### Aboriginal Youth Business Initiative (AYBI)

The Aboriginal Youth Business Initiative (AYBI) is a financial program established to provide direct business loans to Aboriginal Youth. Training and support services are also available.

For more information contact:  
Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation (SIEF)  
202A Joseph Okemasis Drive  
Saskatoon Saskatchewan S7N 1B1  
Telephone: 306-955-4550 Fax: 306-373-4969  
E-mail: [cahenakew@sief.sk.ca](mailto:cahenakew@sief.sk.ca)  
Web site: <http://www.sief.sk.ca>

#### Canada – Saskatchewan Business Service Centre (CSBSC)

*Business Infosource* is a trade name of the Canada-Saskatchewan Business Service Centre, a joint initiative of Western Economic Diversification Canada and Enterprise Saskatchewan. The Centre coordinates business information on behalf of 36 federal and 31 provincial government agencies.

This info-guide is a document designed to help you navigate through the federal and provincial government programs and services available. Although many of your questions will be answered in this document, this list is, by no means, exhaustive. Further information on any of these programs or services can be obtained by calling the numbers listed under the program descriptions; visiting the Web sites listed under the program descriptions; by calling the Canada-Saskatchewan Business Service Centre (CSBSC); by visiting the CSBSC office in person; or by visiting the Canada-Business Business Service Centre web site at <http://www.cbbsc.org/sask>

**Eligible Applicants:** all residents and corporations of Saskatchewan

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** No funding – services only

**Support Services:** Business consulting and research available

#### Canada – Saskatchewan Career & Employment Services

##### **Sask Net Work Programs**

- **Employment Assistance for People with Disabilities Program (EAPD):** The EAPD program provides funding to assist adults with disabilities to prepare for, secure and maintain employment.
- **Skills Training Benefit:** This program provides financial assistance for employment insurance recipients and reach-back clients. It offers the financial support individuals need to take the training required to get a job and keep it.
- **Provincial Training Allowance (PTA):** The PTA provides funding assistance to adults enrolled in basic education, selected employment programs and selected “quick skills” programs.
- **Community Works:** The Community Works program provides funding assistance to community based organizations, Indian Bands, tribal councils and Métis Nations of Saskatchewan to hire eligible employees in job creation projects that provide a direct benefit or service to the local community.
- **Bridging:** The Bridging Program provides funding to eligible applicants to develop and deliver programs that will link individuals to employment. Bridging provides a flexible range of

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programs, services and supports based on the needs of the client. This includes assessment, career counseling, employability skills, life skills, academic upgrading, literacy, work experience, mentoring, job coaching, job development services, and employment-related supports.

**Eligible Applicants:** all residents and corporations of Saskatchewan

**Eligible Projects:** all sectors

**Type of Funding Assistance:** Some wage support grants available to employers

For more information, visit <http://www.sasknetwork.gov.sk.ca>

### **Keewatin Career Development Corporation (KCDC)**

The Keewatin Career Development Corporation (KCDC) is a non-profit, umbrella organization representing a number of agencies which provide career services in Northern Saskatchewan. The corporation was formed in March 1996 to network these career services; the project was jointly funded under the Canada-Saskatchewan Strategic Initiatives Agreement. The initial Strategic Initiatives Project was completed in March 1999. Since that time, KCDC has continued to support the northern career services network under a contract with Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.

KCDC member agencies are the following K-12, post-secondary, Métis, and First Nation Pathways:

- Athabasca Region Dene First Nations
- Dumont Technical Institute
- Ile-a-la-Crosse School Division
- Jim Brady Development Corp.
- Meadow Lake Tribal Council
- Methy Métis Pathways
- Northcote Métis Pathways
- Northern Lights School Division
- Northern Region III Métis Pathways
- Northlands College
- Saskatchewan Advanced Education, Employment and Labour
- Woodland Cree
- Saskatchewan Education (K-12)
- NORTEP/NORPAC

For more information, visit <http://career.kcdc.ca/>

### **Northern Apprenticeship Committee (NAC)**

The Northern Apprenticeship Committee is a sub-committee of the Northern Labour Market Committee. Its role is to:

- Coordinate apprenticeship-related activities among interested parties in the North
- Promote apprenticeship training programs
- Recruit and indenture new apprentices
- Maintain an up-to-date registry of northern trades workers, journeypersons, and apprentices to help them find work
- Help employers find skilled workers
- Negotiate memorandums of agreement with employers and trade associations to give preference to northern trades workers when hiring in the North
- Assist northern apprentices with applications and documentation of trade time
- Arrange for technical school training sessions and accommodation away from home for apprentices
- Provide tutorial support and help apprentices prepare for exams

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

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- Broker accredited training sessions in the North

For more information, visit <http://www.northernapprenticeship.ca> or also <http://www.saskapprenticeship.ca/>

### **Northern Labour Market Committee (NLMC)**

The Northern Labour Market Committee (NLMC) meets quarterly to discuss training, employment, labour market and economic development issues that affect the people of Northern Saskatchewan. Summaries of minutes are available at the link below, as is a short history of the NLMC, which has been active since 1983.

The meeting minutes provide a synopsis of current labour market activities in Northern Saskatchewan. They will be valuable to program and career planners for assessing activities in industrial sectors and occupations.

For more information, visit <http://career.kcdc.ca/nlmc/>

### **Northern Mines Monitoring Secretariat (NMMS)**

The NMMS is a Saskatchewan provincial agency dedicated to acquiring and disseminating information about Saskatchewan's uranium mining industry, and coordinating the activities of the Environmental Quality Committee. There is membership from every provincial ministry with a role in the uranium mining industry, as well as from several federal departments. The Saskatchewan Northern Affairs Branch of First Nations and Métis Relations chairs the committee, which meets twice a year.

For more information, visit <http://www.fnmr.gov.sk.ca/mineral-sla> or phone (306) 425-4211.

### **Saskatchewan Petroleum Industry/Government Environment Committee (SPIGEC)**

Individual member companies of industry associations may participate as members of SPIGEC. Its purpose is to provide a vehicle for industry and government to work in partnership to jointly manage environmental issues associated with the continued growth of the oil and gas industry in Saskatchewan.

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