



The Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Integrated Research Program, AAEDIRP



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*"LET'S WORK TOGETHER": A CONFERENCE ON CREATING MEANINGFUL & SUSTAINABLE
EMPLOYMENT FOR ATLANTIC ABORIGINAL PEOPLE*

FEBRUARY 16, 17 & 18, 2010, DARTMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA

CALL FOR PRESENTERS, POSTERS AND INFORMATION BOOTHS

The conference will explore how we can work together in the Atlantic region to create meaningful and sustainable employment for Aboriginal people. Best practices, success stories and current research for working together will be shared. There will be facilitated sessions with participants and the recommendations from these will be used to guide a proactive vision for moving forward. There will be three formats for those wishing to share information: presentations, posters and information booths.

Suggested topics include but are not limited to:

- Best practices in developing an educated and skilled Aboriginal labour force; access for Aboriginal people in careers in which they are underrepresented; best practices for creating culturally appropriate programming at universities, community colleges, trade schools and in employment training programs, utilizing the concept of lifelong learning
- Best practices in creating meaningful and sustainable employment, including success stories involving the private sector linking with Aboriginal communities and new initiatives in expanding employment through business development
- The role of good governance in creating meaningful and sustainable employment, including best practices for working across the silos of economic development, employment, education, training and social assistance
- How can Aboriginal people proactively shape the emerging economy and take advantage of current and projected labour force demand?

We encourage participation from a wide range of people involved in Atlantic Aboriginal economic development. For example: Economic Development Officers, Native Employment Officers, First Nations Government and Employees, Educators, Researchers, Elders, representatives of Aboriginal Organizations, Provincial and Federal Government and professionals who work in related fields.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will be limited to approximately 25 minutes. Please note that academic presentations should be from research conducted within the past five years. Please send a brief (one page) summary or abstract of your presentation. Include contact information: name, organization (if applicable), address, phone number, fax and email. **Deadline for presentation abstracts or summaries is Monday, January 18, 2010. 4:30 pm, AST. Please note: Unfortunately we will not have room to accommodate all those who want to make a presentation.**

POSTERS

Space will be available for research/informational posters. Please see the following link <http://writing.colostate.edu/guides/speaking/poster/pop2a/cfm> for samples and helpful tips. Accepted posters will allow participants an opportunity to study your information and discuss it with you one on one during the conference. Please send a brief (half page) summary of your poster. Include contact information: name, organization (if applicable), address, phone number, fax, and email. **Deadline for poster summaries is Friday, January 29, 2010. 4:30pm, AST.**

INFORMATION BOOTHS

Tables will be available for individuals or organizations who wish to put up a display and distribute materials related to working together to create meaningful and sustainable employment for Aboriginal people. If you would like to have an information booth, please send a brief (one page) summary about you or your organization. Include contact information: name, organization (if applicable), address, phone number, fax and email. **Please respond by Friday, February 5, 2010. 4:30 pm, AST. Space is limited.**

TO SUBMIT AND FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please email, fax or mail all submissions to present, display a research/informational poster, or have an information booth to Darcy Pirie. For more information please contact:

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THE ATLANTIC ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTEGRATED RESEARCH PROGRAM

The AAEDIRP is a research program formed through partnerships between the 38 communities of the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat, plus the Inuit, 11 Atlantic universities and 4 government funders, both federal and provincial. The main purpose of the AAEDIRP is to improve the knowledge base concerning Atlantic Aboriginal economic development in order to improve the lives of the Aboriginal people in the region.

The AAEDIRP is one of the vehicles for action of the ***Aboriginal Economy Building Strategy***, a regional economic development strategy endorsed by the Chiefs of the Atlantic First Nations in 2007. The AAEDIRP is administered by the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat (APCFNC). To view the Strategy, or read more about the AAEDIRP, go to www.apcfn.ca and look under economic development, general.