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NEW BRUNSWICK ABORIGINAL WORKPLACE ESSENTIAL SKILLS

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CALLING ABORIGINAL EXPERTS IN ADULT EDUCATION!

(St. Mary's First Nation, NB) – The literacy gap of Aboriginal persons in New Brunswick (NB) has been identified as one of the most significant impediments to First Nations participation in New Brunswick's social and economic opportunities.

The Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI) has received funding from the Office of Literacy and Essential Skills (OLES) - Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) to develop and implement a pilot project entitled "*New Brunswick Aboriginal Workplace Essential Skills (NBAWES) Development Project.*"

In general, Workplace Essential Skills (WES) programs aim to assist adults to improve their employability, by developing capacity in nine separate skills areas. Within this broad framework, the NBAWES Project will prioritize improving literacy skills among the Aboriginal populations in NB. To meet the needs of Aboriginal adult learners, other Aboriginal and literacy curricula will also be integrated into the NBAWES approach.

We are seeking Mi'gmaq and Maliseet *educators, traditional knowledge keepers, curriculum developers, social workers or high school counselors* (residing in NB) to assist in making this unique pilot project a success!

Your expertise will guide the NBAWES Team in developing Mi'gmaq and Maliseet culturally relevant approaches, methodology and resources, in particular:

- Gathering/scanning Wabanaki resource material;
- Culturally appropriate approaches to teaching adult learners;
- Best practices for supporting students with the socio-economic barriers; and
- How to incorporate traditional knowledge into the project.

The NBAWES Project has a **budget to support participants** for their involvement in the *Aboriginal Experts Group on Adult Education* **by way of honorariums and travel.**

Those interested should contact Darrah (Pine) Beaver, *Program Manager*, **by May 28th 2010** at 506-444-8893 or by e-mail darrahbeaver@NBAWES.ca.