

BUILDING *bridges* FOR SUCCESS

Aboriginal Business Development Forum

Monday, September 27, 2010
TCU Place, Saskatoon, SK.

Dear Colleague,

The Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA) would like to invite you to attend a truly unique forum that will set a framework for Aboriginal Business Development.

SREDA is dedicated to translating potential into reality by facilitating the retention and expansion of existing business and encouraging investment in the key growth sectors of the economy in the region. Our aim is to exceed expectations while working on economic and business development. SREDA believes in challenging the status quo and aims to develop new, innovative ideas to lead the Saskatoon Region towards greater successes and continued growth.

And now, the first event of its kind comes to town, **Building Bridges for Success—Aboriginal Business Development Forum** on Monday, September 27, 2010 at TCU Place, Saskatoon, SK.

The one-day forum topics to be covered include the following:

- Learn the various First Nations that have land holdings and urban reserves within the city of Saskatoon & R.M. of Corman Park including programs and services provided i.e. business licensing, zoning approval, permits and projected growth plans.
- Learn what are the key differences for business development on a First Nation community, i.e. land rules, legislation, legal structures and taxation.
- Opportunities to network during networking breaks, including lunch with the Saskatoon business community.
- Listen to success stories, including keynote luncheon speaker, **Chief Clarence Louie, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC.**
- Opportunity to hear real business opportunities being presented by the participants who are in the BRIDG Program.

We look forward to seeing you at the *Building Bridges for Success-Aboriginal Business Development Forum* **this coming fall.**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Anyone interested in learning about Aboriginal business development, how to engage the Aboriginal business community and interested in hearing about current business opportunities. Targeted audience include:

- Chiefs and Leaders of Aboriginal communities, associations & development corporations
- Senior executives, directors & managers in charge of business development
- Federal, provincial and municipal government officials and employees
- Saskatchewan Enterprise Regions
- Business Developers and Entrepreneurs



REGISTRATION FEES

Full-day forum register on or before September 1, 2010 (includes meals)	\$125.00
After September 1, 2010 full-day forum fee increases to	\$175.00
Saskatoon Business Networking Luncheon only	\$ 50.00

Register on-line at www.picatic.com

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 / 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Salon C / TCU Place Saskatoon

AGENDA

7:30AM - 8:30AM Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30AM - 9:00AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

Tim LeClair, Chief Executive Officer

Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority

His Worship Don Atchison

Mayor, City of Saskatoon

9:00AM - 10:30AM **Laura Hartney, Manager, Future Growth**
City of Saskatoon

Glen Grismer, Director of Planning

Rural Municipality of Corman Park

This session will provide an overview of First Nation land holdings, urban reserves within the City of Saskatoon & RM of Corman Park. Also learn about future growth plans and programs and services available i.e. business licensing, zoning approval and permits.

10:30AM - 10:45AM Networking Refreshment Break

10:45AM - 11:30AM **Darrell Balkwill, Chief Executive Officer**
Whitecap Development Corporation

This session will provide an overview of key differences for business development on a First Nation community. Topics include: land rules and legislation, legal structures and taxation.

11:30AM - 1:30PM **Keynote Presentation: Chief Clarence Louie, Osoyoos Indian Band**
*Salon A & B Room Networking opportunity with the Saskatoon Business Community.

1:30PM - 2:15PM **Geoff Gay, Chief Executive Officer**
Athabasca Basin Development Limited Partnership

This session will feature a Saskatchewan Aboriginal business success story.

2:15PM - 2:30PM Networking Refreshment Break

2:30PM – 4:30PM

BRIDG - Business Development Opportunities



SREDA in conjunction with Westcap, has taken the CBC hit *Dragon's Den* to a whole new level. In this session you will hear real business opportunities from participants who are in the Business Ready Investment Development Gateway (BRIDG) program.

Profiles and outline of opportunity for each presenter will be communicated in advance to all registered Dragons (workshop participants).

About the BRIDG program...initiated in 2009, the goal of BRIDG is to bring First Nation and Métis communities across Saskatchewan together with industry partners to facilitate the completion of investment transactions in the energy and resource sector.

4:30PM – 4:40PM

Closing Remarks

4:40PM – 5:30PM

Networking Opportunity

This session allows for participants to meet one-to-one with BRIDG communities in an informal setting.

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