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BC CAPACITY INITIATIVE CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2012/2013

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This is a call for proposal for First Nations organizations to apply for 2012/2013 project funding under the BC Capacity Initiative.

The BC Capacity Initiative is committed to supporting First Nations to enhance their capacity to prepare for consultation, negotiation, implementation or management of **land and resources components** of future aboriginal title settlement agreements. In its 14th year of operation, the initiative remains guided by the principles that:

- First Nations communities should control their capacity building
- Capacity building should be driven by the First Nation's vision of where it wants to be in the future
- Capacity building should enhance First Nations' independence and interdependence
- Mutually beneficial partnerships with non-First Nation organizations are an element of capacity building

Please take the time to review the BC Capacity Initiative's **2012/2013 Proposal Guidelines** to help you prepare your proposal. The guide is filled with specific examples, notes on the BCCI screening criteria and helpful hints.

To obtain the BC Capacity Initiative Proposal Application Package, please visit our website at, www.bccapacity.org, and download the following three (3) documents for proposal submission application (all of which have been revised since last year and will be **available on the website in September**): Proposal Guidelines, Application Form and Excel Budget Table.

Email completed applications and any support documents to the Capacity Initiative Secretariat at BCCDCapacity@aandc.gc.ca (NEW email address). Applications will be accepted until 4:30 PM on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. Emailed submissions are preferred. All documents should be in digital format, originals are not necessary. Please do not send any zip files, e-mail with zip files do not get delivered properly. Large documents can be submitted on a CD and mailed to:

Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada
600-1138 Melville Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 4S3
Attention: BC Capacity Initiative Secretariat

If you do not receive an immediate automated email confirmation after submitting your application, or need further assistance or information, please contact the Capacity Initiative Secretariat at new email address above or call (604) 775-5118.

Thank you for your interest in the BC Capacity Initiative.