



STATEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP

BETWEEN THE

ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

AND

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THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (DOING BUSINESS AS ENGINEERS CANADA)

RECITALS:

- I. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is the national representative organization of the First Nations in Canada. There are over 630 First Nation communities in Canada. The AFN Secretariat is designed to present the views of the various First Nations through their leaders in areas such as: Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Economic Development, Education, Languages and Literacy, Health, Housing, Social Development, Justice, Taxation, Land Claims, Environment, and a whole array of issues that are of common concern to Canada and which arise from time to time.
 - II. Engineers Canada (the business name of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers) is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations and ordre that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country's more than 234,000 professional engineers.
 - III. Engineers Canada accredits Canadian undergraduate engineering programs that meet the profession's high education standards, as well as assesses the equivalency of the accreditation systems used in other nations relative to the Canadian system, and monitors the accreditation systems employed by the engineering bodies, which have entered into mutual recognitions agreements with Engineers Canada.
 - IV. Engineers Canada believes that, as professional engineers, First Nation's youth will enrich the quality of engineering and geosciences services and provide fresh perspectives on the resolution of engineering problems.
 - V. The AFN wants First Nations' youth to have access to post-secondary education, particularly in sector that leads to jobs for which there is now and will be a demand in the future.
 - VI. The AFN has reason to believe that the engineering profession is one such sector.
 - VII. The AFN has the capacity and expertise to share career awareness information with First Nations People across Canada.
 - VIII. The purpose of this document is to state the intentions of the parties with respect to their voluntary collaboration in setting up an environment that will foster the awareness among First Nation's people of career and educational opportunities in the Canadian engineering sector.
2. The AFN will distribute this material to the young First Nations population.
 3. Together, Engineers Canada and the AFN will explore and pursue collaborations with other agencies to enhance the opportunities for First Nations young people to pursue the education necessary for entry to the engineering profession.
 4. Together, Engineers Canada and the AFN will explore options to increase First Nations involvement in existing undergraduate engineering programs.
 5. Engineers Canada and the AFN will establish a committee to oversee the work to be carried out under this agreement and assess its effectiveness.
 6. The committee will be co-chaired by one representative of the AFN and one representative from Engineers Canada.
 7. The committee will be governed by a terms of reference developed by the committee and ratified by the designated representatives of AFN and the Board of Directors of Engineers Canada.
 8. The committee will meet at least twice each year.
 9. The committee will review the status of the agreement and produce a report to the AFN and the Board of Directors of Engineers Canada on its activities and the results of the agreement annually.
 10. This agreement remains in force until modified or terminated. It may be reviewed as needed and may be terminated by the AFN or Engineers Canada by giving not less than three months notice.
 11. The parties acknowledge that this agreement does not create any enforceable legal or equitable rights or any obligations, but merely serves to document the parameters that have been set and the areas in which discussions have been held in which understandings in principle have been reached.

Signed in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba on the 22nd day of July, 2010.

To achieve this objective;

- I. Engineers Canada in collaboration with the AFN will develop material and explore initiatives to increase the awareness among young people of indigenous origin of career possibilities in the engineering sector and available training programs existing today or that could be set up in the future.

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