



News Release

Training for decentralized employees begins

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 22, 2000) - Eight Pond Inlet residents are in Iqaluit for on-the-job training preparing for positions in the decentralized regional office of the Department of Public Works and Services.

The positions will be decentralized to Pond Inlet effective September 2000. The Baffin Regional Office is the first office to decentralize as part of Phase 1 of the Nunavut Government's Decentralization Plan.

"We will be leading the way in the government's commitment to decentralization," said Public Works and Services Minister Manitoq Thompson. "Through rigorous local recruitment and the review of each individual's skills the Department has developed an on-the-job training program for these new staff members."

The positions filled by local Pond Inlet residents range from junior project officers to contract clerks to assistant petroleum products officers. Training, developed jointly with the Department of Human Resources, will last about 3 months.

The Baffin Regional Office of Public Works and Services is one of several services that will be decentralized to Pond Inlet.

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