



## News Release

### Government of Nunavut and CESO sign Public Service Development Agreement

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 17, 2001)** – The Government of Nunavut has announced the signing of a multi-year public service development agreement with the Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO).

CESO is a not-for-profit network of more than 4000 retired or semi-retired Canadian women and men eager to share time, skills and experience with communities and governments working to improve their social and economic conditions.

Under the agreement, Government of Nunavut departments and agencies will be able to request the involvement of CESO voluntary advisors (VAs) for specific, practical assignments. Three priority departments have been identified in which to begin implementing the agreement: Health and Social Services, Community Government and Transportation and the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

“This agreement will open up a vast talent pool of consultants to all communities in Nunavut to assist them in advancing their priorities,” Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Ken MacRury said.

CESO advisors will work as trainers or mentors in the areas of management skills, community and economic development, business planning, business and financial management, accounting, employment forecasting, technical training related to housing, transportation, waste management and other areas requiring specialized skills and training.

"This is a golden opportunity for Nunavut to draw upon top-notch expertise and support for a wide variety of initiatives key to developing Nunavut's public service," Bert Rose said. Rose, lead CESO advisor for Nunavut and CESO advisor Donna Denham (Ottawa), have been meeting with government personnel to begin identifying possible assignments.

The Government and CESO hope to have volunteer advisors working on projects in Nunavut by September.

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