



News Release



Draft Strategy Supports Adult Learners in Nunavut

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 7, 2005) – The Government of Nunavut (GN) and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) today released the Working Draft of the Nunavut Adult Learning Strategy, a major step in developing an implementation plan that will help adult learners participate in emerging economic opportunities in Nunavut.

The Nunavut Adult Learning Strategy, developed by a working group of GN and NTI representatives, puts forward a comprehensive framework for changes to adult learning in Nunavut, which will better reflect the needs of Nunavummiut. The draft strategy also takes into account the various types of adult learning necessary in Nunavut today, based on economic and community development needs.

“Quality education and training is essential if Inuit are to take an active role in the development of our territory. This is critical if we are to achieve a representative level of Inuit in the federal, territorial and municipal public service in our territory,” said NTI President Paul Kaludjak. “This working draft puts forward a number of excellent ideas to begin to make changes to better coordinate existing programs, and provide better training initiatives for adult beneficiaries,” he said.

“A key element of this draft strategy is to create a climate and system that encourages and promotes the success of adult learners in Nunavut,” said Education Minister Ed Picco. “We need to remove barriers that prevent Nunavummiut from getting the training and education they need, when and where they need it. The Nunavut Adult Learning Strategy will help us do this, and allow us to build a more seamless system.”

In releasing the working draft of the strategy, NTI and the GN are encouraging the public to review and provide comment and input. In addition, focus group meetings are being planned with stakeholders involved in adult education and training. This process will focus attention across Nunavut on current and future opportunities for adult learners, so that the needs of all Nunavummiut can be reflected.

To receive a copy of the Working Draft of the Nunavut Adult Learning Strategy please call the Department of Education at 975-5600 or email adultlearning@gov.nu.ca

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