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Strategy Identifies Opportunities for Adult Learners

IQALUIT, Nunavut (December 8, 2006) – The Government of Nunavut (GN) and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) have released the final version of the Nunavut Adult Learning Strategy, a document to help Nunavut's adult learners participate more fully in Nunavut's expanding economy.

"The Adult Learning Strategy provides a roadmap to allow us to engage more Nunavummiut in the development of our Territory," said Minister of Education Ed Picco. "It is critical that we make the best use of our available resources, and we ensure that all Nunavummiut have access to training," added Picco.

The Strategy, developed by a working group co-chaired by representatives from NTI and the GN, lays new groundwork for adult learning in Nunavut, based on economic and community development needs. The 72 page Strategy contains detailed action items and an implementation plan with an accountability framework.

NTI President Paul Kaludjak is very supportive of the strategy.

"The Strategy focuses on improving adult literacy skills and academic accreditation, both of which are essential to implementing a representative workforce, as mandated in Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. But most importantly, the Strategy recognizes that learning and self-improvement never stops, and that relevant educational opportunities must be available to all adults wishing to learn," said Kaludjak. "NTI encourages the government to continue to seek additional funding for training and education opportunities."

Copies of the Strategy can be obtained by contacting those identified below, or downloaded from the following locations:

http://www.gov.nu.ca/education/inuk/pubdoc/Inuktitut_ALS_FINAL.pdf

http://www.gov.nu.ca/education/inuinn/pubdoc/Inuinnaqtun_ALS_FINAL.pdf

http://www.gov.nu.ca/education/eng/pubdoc/English_ALS_FINAL.pdf

http://www.gov.nu.ca/education/fr/pubdoc/French_ALS_FINAL.pdf

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