



## News Release

### Trade School to Bring Training Opportunities

**RANKIN INLET, Nunavut (February 18, 2006)** – Nunavummiut will soon have access to the training opportunities they need to participate in the territory's expanding economy, with today's announcement of funding to create the Nunavut Trade School in Rankin Inlet.

Premier Paul Okalik joined Education Minister Ed Picco and Rankin Inlet South MLA and Minister Levinia Brown at the site for the announcement.

Establishing a trade school is the realization of a key Government of Nunavut priority, as set out in *Pinasuaqtavut*. As part of the Nunavut Arctic College system the Nunavut Trade School will provide job ready learning opportunities for Nunavummiut.

"We are delivering on the promises we've made to Nunavummiut and meeting the Government's commitment to providing life-long educational opportunities through trades training that will prepare our citizens for lasting careers," said Picco

The CGS Plumbing Shop in Rankin Inlet was chosen for its reliable, existing structure and central location. Through its previously announced Northern Strategy funding the Government of Nunavut has committed \$10 million to the development of Nunavut's Trade School with an anticipated opening date in 2009.

"Renovating this existing location is an innovative approach that allows us to invest in resources that already belong to the people of Nunavut and helps to ensure that money for this school is focused on the programs and needs of its future students," said Brown.

This new Rankin Inlet campus will serve as the primary location for trades training in Nunavut. Funding will also be set aside to renovate and expand existing training locations in Cambridge Bay and Iqaluit.

"Nunavut is about to experience a period of rapid growth in economic activity and employment opportunities. Providing the education and skills to benefit from the resources of our territory is part of our commitment to ensuring self-reliance for Nunavummiut," said Okalik.

As part of this development a campus residence will also be constructed once legislative approval has been secured for the necessary funds for this project.

Rankin Inlet North MLA Tagak Curley also lent his support to this project.

“This facility is an important addition to the educational infrastructure and trades training in the Kivalliq,” said Curley

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