



Attention: Economic Development Officers,

The Ontario First Nations Economic Developers Association (**OFNEDA**) is a membership based, not-for-profit incorporation that was established in 2009 through recommendations from the First Nations Economic Development Officers (EDO) in Ontario. These recommendations were brought forward from the EDOs through the Regional Program Management Advisory Committee (RPMAC).

Our **mission statement** is to support a working environment and research centre that will enhance and promote economies that are viable and culturally sensitive, as defined by each First Nation community. Our membership is comprised of the 133 Economic Development Officers/Practitioners in Ontario. Membership is open to Economic Practitioners and an annual membership fee is paid by the voting membership and associate membership. OFNEDA's members represent a group of professionals with a common goal of enabling and fostering economic development in First Nations communities.

We provide our members with access to a growing network of Economic Development Officers (EDO) to improve communications and develop strategic partnerships. We want to help you increase access to investments for your community by tapping into our network of financial institutions, private sector partners, and economic development professionals. Members benefit from increased promotion of their community through OFNEDA-related events, sessions, press releases, website, social media and marketing materials. Like and follow our Facebook and Twitter accounts to receive continuous updates about upcoming events, conferences, workshops and success stories. Members can send us their success stories and we will share them with our contacts through our communication networks.

Your membership grants you access to the following value-added services;

- ✓ paid access and travel to FNEAC 2017 (First Nations Economic Advancement Conference)
- ✓ access to online business development toolkit
- ✓ access to online forum to share information with other EDO's
- ✓ paid access and travel to various workshops throughout the year
- ✓ free social media startup assistance
- ✓ free job postings and tenders to our website and social media for your entire community
- ✓ preferred insurance rates for community/individual coverage through Aboriginal Insurance Services (AIS) *
- ✓ access to OFNEDA's network of contacts

* We have a strategic partnership with Aboriginal Insurance Services (AIS) where any OFNEDA member who opens a specific insurance policy (*terms and conditions apply*) with AIS will get their OFNEDA membership paid for free!

In addition, we are always expanding our access to a wealth of economic development resources to share with our members through our online toolkit and newsletter along with investment strategies, market research, Aboriginal Business Directory and Indigenous economic success stories. The OFNEDA website maintains a database library of economic literature from both First Nations and non-First Nation sources.

Aboriginal economic development has finally hit centre stage and is now at the forefront of Aboriginal issues in Canada. We are building partnerships and growing our membership in order to continue showcasing the positive economic development success stories from across the country and provide benefits that our members can utilize in their communities.

If you require any more information, please don't hesitate to contact us directly!

Sincerely

Steven McCoy, BBA
Marketing Director
Ontario First Nations Economic Developers Association

6 Shingwauk Street
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z9
T: 705-256-5413
F: 705-256-6880

www.ofneda.com