

CIF Project #349 - First Nations WRP Training

Project Background

CIF worked with Stephanie Allen from the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation to deliver a course tailored to the needs of small first nations programs, focusing on development of simple operational plans, discussing concepts of acceptable business and program management practices, aiming at developing streamlined, simple and effective program plans for these smaller operations. Work included setting up a seminar at the Dixie Hotel in Mississauga, development of training materials and templates for training and offering post course assistance to interested First Nations programs. CIF engaged the services of Alex Hogan to guide the preparation of instructional materials and to assist with the training sessions.

Summary of Results

Sessions were held on February 23 and 24, 2011 including presentations by OTS, OES, Genivar and other consultants. The CIF portion of the presentation took place on February 24th and was attended by approximately 25 representatives from 14 First Nations including:

- Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nations
- Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
- Rainy River First Nations
- Serpent River First Nations
- Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
- Chippewas of Nawash First Nation
- Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
- Chippewas of Georgina Island
- Whitefish Lake First Nation
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation
- Walpole Island First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve

Feedback from participants was very positive; however, the effort only resulted in the development of two Blue Box program plans, one by the Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and the other by the Chippewas of Rama First Nation.