



**ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE POSITION OF ADVISOR FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
THE FIRST NATIONS OF QUEBEC BUSINESS NETWORK (FNQBN)**

June 1st to December 31st 2011

Community Visits

During that period, the economic development Adviser traveled on two occasions to Lac Simon, in addition to visits to the communities of Kitcisakik and Essipit. On site, she met with the CEDOs and gave a presentation on the FNQBN to local entrepreneurs.

Participation in Various Events

- One-day Conference on Nature, Trade and Industry, in Montreal;
- Aboriginal Pre-Forum on social economy, organized within the scope of the International Forum on the Social and Solidarity Economy;
- One-day Conference on Nature, Trade and Industry, in Val-d'Or;
- Training session organized by *Eeyou Economic Group*;
- 2011 Business Exchange Day of the Cree Nation, organized by the *Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Témiscamingue Economic Alliance*;
- Eeyou Gala Awards, organized by *Eeyou Economic Group*.

Meetings

- Meetings with representatives of *Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton* for the production of a guide presenting the steps towards drafting a strategic plan;
- Meetings with *Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Parc Canada* and et *Tourisme Autochtone Québec* concerning the management of projects and Historic Places of *Parks Canada*;
- Meeting with a representative responsible for the Initiative to combat poverty, a project of the *First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC)*, concerning an eventual partnership;

- Conference calls with representatives of *Dionne & Schulze, Neashish & Champoux* and *Samson Bélair/Deloitte & Touche* concerning the organization of an information tour on taxation in the Aboriginal Context;
- Meetings with *Revenu Québec* concerning the tax exemption for Aboriginal peoples, pursuant to the Fuel Tax;
- Meeting with *Centre d'études collégiales à Chibougamau* for an update on the different files in progress.

Support to Members

- The FNOBN is in contact with the *Centre d'études collégiales à Chibougamau* in order to organize a training session on business plans, at the request of the *Corporation de développement économique Ekuanitshinnuat* of Ekuanitshit;
- At the request of the *Société économique de Kitcisakik*, the FNOBN is working with its partners to organize a course whereby resources will acquire high skills in community management.

Research and Development

- The FNOLEDC asked the *Fondation de l'Entrepreneurship* to conduct a survey to establish the indicators of entrepreneurial dynamism among Quebec's Aboriginal peoples. The final report was submitted in November 2011.