



Yukon Mine Training Association

New Training Liaison Workers Join Yukon Mine Training Association

Whitehorse, Yukon, Dec 5, 2008 –

The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) announced today that it has hired four Training Liaison Workers (TLW) in order to increase opportunities for employment in the mining and resource-related industries for workers across the Northern British Columbia and Yukon.

The Training Liaison Workers are tasked with identifying training needs and drawing links between industry, educators, and Yukon First Nations to create training opportunities related to the mining and resource industries. The TLWs will have offices in Dawson City, Teslin, Watson Lake, and Whitehorse.

“We are very excited about the new additions to our team and the opportunity to increase our involvement at the community level while continuing to develop partnerships with industry and First Nations,” said YMTA Executive Director Tracy Thomas. “With our staff working to create training options, the people of B.C and Yukon will be ready to seize all opportunities in preparation for work in the mining and resource industries.”

The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) is a partnership between the mining industry and First Nations in the Yukon and Northern British Columbia. YMTA is committed to creating training opportunities and working together to maximize employment opportunities emerging from the growth of the mining and related resource industries in the North.

The Government of Canada has contributed funding to this initiative.

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Background:

Training Liaison Workers:

The four Training Liaison Workers will be based out of Dawson City, Whitehorse, Teslin and Watson Lake.

The Training Liaison Workers are tasked with identifying training needs in Yukon and Northern B.C. communities and drawing links between industry, educators, and First Nations to create training opportunities that will lead to employment in the mining and resource-related industries.

Each Training Liaison Worker will provide career counseling and support for individuals seeking employment in the mining industry. They will cooperate with communities and individuals, industry, training providers and YMTA to provide assessment, career counseling, and referral to individuals to ensure that communities and individuals in those communities have the ability and means to maximize the training and employment opportunities that will arise from current and future mining and resource industries activity, including exploration, construction, and operation. Funding for this program was provided through the Government of Canada's Aboriginal Training and Employment Partnership Project.

Yukon Mine Training Association:

The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) is a partnership between the Yukon's mining industry and First Nations. YMTA is committed to working together to maximize employment opportunities emerging from the growth of the mining and related resource industries in the North for First Nations and other Yukoners.