



PROSPECTS

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YMTA SECURES \$9.2 MILLION FOR ABORIGINAL TRAINING

After months of nail-biting, the Yukon Mine Training Association has received final approval of its proposal to the Federal Government's Aboriginal Skills & Employment Partnership (ASEP), securing over \$9 million in funding toward job-specific training and skills development for members of the First Nations community interested in a career in the mining and resource sectors. With mining exploration and production once more on the rise in the Territory, the demand for skilled labour is high, and thanks to ASEP, YMTA's goal to ensure that First Nations are in line to take full advantage of the employment windfall just took nine million big strides forward.

Officially launched in 2003 as a five-year, \$85 million Aboriginal labour market initiative, the ASEP program will continue through 2012 thanks to an additional \$105 million investment and four-year extension announced last year. ASEP is designed to maximize training and job opportunities for the Aboriginal workforce in major economic development projects across Canada. A further objective of the program is to facilitate the creation of strong partnerships between Aboriginal groups, federal & provincial governments, the private sector, educational institutions, and other stakeholders.

FIRST NATIONS WAGE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

One of the most exciting programs that will run through the YMTA, made possible through the ASEP agreement, is the First Nations Wage Subsidy Program. The First Nations employees are hired and then trained on the job by employers and are paid through the wage subsidy program until they are fully qualified for the position. The subsidy is also available to First Nations employees who are already working in the industry and would like to move into more advanced job positions. The wage subsidy program is currently being developed and employers will be able to participate in the program very soon. Contact the YMTA for more information.



Did you know that YMTA is...

Working with the Ross River Dena Council to support a 14-day field course to provide First Nations youth with an understanding and appreciation of the natural environment, and the importance of environmental assessment and monitoring.



Working with communities and the mining industry to develop partnerships for heavy equipment operator and trades training.

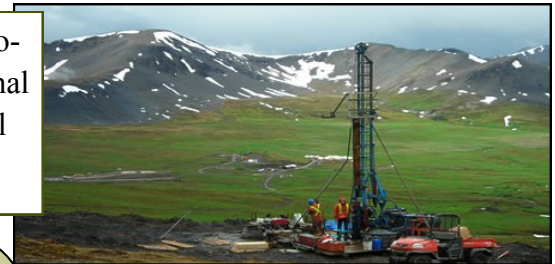
Offering a free 2-week Exploration and Prospecting Course to the public in Dawson City in September.



Supporting a proposal with the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation to provide a hands-on youth gemology course to build capacity within the community.

Working with experts to develop and gain industry acceptance on a set of “common core” competencies for the mining industry in Yukon.

Developing a training program based on occupational standards for Aboriginal Liaison Officers.



Offering free online courses in worker safety such as WHMIS, TDG, Fall protection, Confined Spaces, and Lift Truck Safety



BEAHR 2 Environmental Monitor Training Program graduates (Left to Right) Barry Elanik, Jim Norbert, Melissa O'Brien, Kim Redies, Steve Biggen-Pound (Instructor), Ashley Van-Bibber, and Corey Edzerza.

Working with the Klondike Placer Miners Association to develop and implement a safety management and training system to meet the needs of the Placer industry in Yukon.

WHO ARE WE?

The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) is a partnership between the Yukon's mining and resource sector and First Nations. We are committed to working together to maximize employment opportunities emerging from the growth of the resource industries in the North for First Nations and other Yukoners. The YMTA also ensures that safety training is developed and delivered, meeting industry standards. The YMTA is funded by industry, First Nations, Yukon Government - Northern Strategies, Workers' Compensation Board Prevention Fund, Indian & Northern Affairs Canada - Targeted Investment Program (INAC-TIP), and Human Resources & Social Development - Aboriginal Skills & Employment Partnership (HRSDC-ASEP).

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