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YMTA AND YUKON COLLEGE WORKING TO DELIVER MINE TRAINING IN YUKON

The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) has recently been working with Yukon College to discuss and deliver a variety of training opportunities to Yukoners who are interested in working in the mining and resource development industries. In addition, YMTA has partnered with other organizations, including Aurora College, Building Environmental Aboriginal Human Resources (BEAHR), NAIT, and BCIT.

“Now is the time to work together,” says Bill Dunn, the Chair of YMTA. “The Mining industry needs employees. Exploration and mine development are proceeding at a quick pace in the Yukon and in northern BC.”

The goal of the YMTA is to build a skilled labour force, to train, and to employ as many Yukoners as possible to participate in the mining and resource development industries. The first step in the training process is to create awareness of the opportunities that exist within Yukon’s borders. For this reason, the YMTA is bringing BCIT’s Mineral Training and Employment Program north in December to deliver mining awareness workshops in at least two Yukon communities.

Yukon Mine Training Association builds relationships between the Yukon’s mining and resource development industry and First Nations for the purpose of building labour market capacity in the Yukon by providing safety and skills training opportunities. As mining jobs emerge in the north, YMTA is working to ensure all Yukoners, especially First Nation Yukoners are able to benefit.

Yukon College recently signed a memorandum of understanding with NAIT in order to pursue areas of mutual interest. Also, the Yukon College, through a partnership with Aurora College and (BEAHR), will be providing an Environmental Monitor Training Program. Yukon College already offers courses that range from chainsaw basics, WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System), to various trades including a welding.

“We know that there will be more and more of a demand for trades training in the near future,” says Yukon College President Terry Weninger. “That is why we have been focusing on building stronger relationships and partnerships with other institutions- cooperation and collaboration will help us to build a strong and varied labour pool within our territorial borders”.

If you would like more information about programming at Yukon College, please visit the website at www.yukoncollege.yk.ca. YTMA would like to acknowledge its funders: Yukon Mining & Exploration Training Trust Fund, Northern Strategy Trust Fund, Yukon Workers Compensation Board Prevention Fund, Industry and First Nation Partners, and Government of Yukon.

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