

BACKGROUND

Oil and Gas Capacity Building

- Up to \$1.4 million will be provided to the Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC) through the joint federal-provincial Western Economic Partnership Agreement.
- MLTC will use this funding to hire five staff, including: Director, Technical Manager, Development Planner, Training Consultant and Business Consultant positions.
- These staff will focus on establishing a regional presence in the oil and gas industry, finding employment opportunities for residents in this sector, developing oil and gas training programs and helping First Nations capitalize on business opportunities in the oil and gas sector.

Drilling Rig Training Program

- A \$143,250 investment from the federal-provincial Northern Development Agreement (NDA) will be used to establish a two-week drilling-rig training program in Buffalo Narrows.
- Western Lakota Energy Services Inc. will take 15 students through a program that consists of one week of personal empowerment training followed by classroom work, on-site development and work placements.

Heavy Equipment Operator Training Program

- Another \$134,700 is being provided through the NDA to train heavy equipment operators to work in the oil and gas industries.
- This eight-week course will involve 12 students going through a week of personal empowerment training followed by seven weeks of practical training that will prepare the operators for work in the oil, gas, mining and construction industries.