

BACKGROUND

Inroads to Agriculture

Inroads to Agriculture's goal is to provide the training needed to allow Aboriginal people the skills to secure sustainable employment leading to lasting benefits for Aboriginal communities, families and individuals.

The Inroads to Agriculture Institute will provide support to Aboriginal residents in rural Saskatchewan and Alberta to help them secure lasting employment in the agriculture sector.

The program will cover the costs of the following (as needed):

- Training and program costs
- Student living allowance including childcare expenses
- Counseling and mentorship services
- Wage subsidy during practical training (apprenticeship)

The Inroads to Agriculture Institute hopes this will be the first of many initiatives to support Aboriginal participation in the agricultural sector.

Contributors

The following organizations have expressed a commitment and support to the Inroads to Agriculture Project:

- Government of Canada
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration
- One Earth Farms Corp
- Canadian Wheat Board
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
- File Hills Employment and Training Center
- Lakeland College
- Pfizer Canada
- Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
- Saskatchewan Indian Training Assessment Group
- Sprott Resources Corporation
- Thunder Employment and Field Services
- Thunderchild First Nation
- Viterra
- Wakayos Holdings Inc.

The Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership Program

Launched in 2003, the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership (ASEP) program is designed to maximize training and job opportunities in major economic development projects across Canada. It does this by meeting employers' needs and labour market demands for skilled workers.

ASEP's ultimate success is contingent on the strong partnership forged between Aboriginal groups, the private sector, federal, provincial and/or territorial governments, labour, and educational institutions.