

# 2010/11 Annual Report for Yukon Territory

## INTRODUCTION

The Canada-Yukon Labour Market Agreement (LMA) was signed in July 2009. Under this Agreement, Canada will make new annual investments in Yukon for five years (ending March 31, 2014). This funding provides an opportunity for Yukon to augment its current efforts to support the development of Yukon's labour market. The estimated amount of Canada's contribution to Yukon for fiscal year 2010/2011 was \$1,457,000.

The Advanced Education Branch (AEB) of the Department of Education administered the funding for the LMA.

## OVERVIEW OF YUKON'S LABOUR MARKET AND PRIORITIES

### Overview:

Yukon's population totaled 34,667 in December 2010. The majority of residents, or 26,304 people, reside in Whitehorse. The remaining citizens reside in 17 small rural communities all of which are connected by road, with the exception of Old Crow.

The number of Yukoners in the labour force and the number employed reached new record heights in March 2011, at 19,800 and 18,900 respectively. Of the March 2011 labour force figure, only 900, or 4.5%, were unemployed. Only a year ago, March 2010, there were 17,300 individuals in the labour force of whom 15,700 were employed and 1,600, or 9.2% were unemployed.

Yukon's unemployment rate in March 2011 (4.5%) was the lowest in Canada, and had been the lowest for the fifth month in a row.

### Labour Market Priorities:

Priorities continue to focus on members of the following groups who, at times, may have multiple barriers and require additional supports to enable their participation in Yukon's labour market: Social Assistance Recipients, Persons with Disabilities, Older Workers, Youth, First Nations, Women in Trades and Immigrants. These groups can be more disadvantaged, given their lack of work experience to enter the labour market, compared to someone who recently lost their job and has the skills to participate in the labour force.

### Canada-Yukon Multi Year Plan:

The four priority areas included in the Canada-Yukon LMA Multi Year Plan are:

- Labour Market Information
- Training and Skills Development
- Recruitment
- Retention

These priority areas lend themselves nicely to the new *Labour Market Framework for Yukon*. This Framework has seen the implementation of five strategies that were developed by key labour market stakeholders (federal government, Government of Yukon, First Nation Governments and organizations, non-government organizations, business owners, and union organizations) to support Yukon's labour market.

The five strategies are:

- 1) Comprehensive Trades Training and Skills Development,
- 2) Recruitment,
- 3) Retention,
- 4) Immigration, and
- 5) Labour Market Information.

## Performance Results:

Fiscal year 2010/2011 was the second year of implementation of the LMA. In addition to developing and implementing new programming for individuals, communities and employers, Yukon continues to work on enhancing its administrative and data collection systems and processes to meet the accountability requirements of the agreement.

In 2010/2011, Canada's contribution to Yukon under the LMA was \$1,457,000. Yukon's total program expenditures for 2010/2011 were \$1,303,205.13. These expenditures supported 171 eligible beneficiaries to participate in labour market programming through direct supports and projects which were fully funded or partially enhanced by LMA dollars.

The following chart provides the key activities funded under the LMA in 2010/2011.

Project	Lead Organization
Greenhouse Program	Challenge
Bridges Program	Challenge
Cordwood Building Training	Carcross/Tagish First Nation
Tourism Ready to Work	Yukon Tourism Education Council
Staff Relations Co-op Student	Yukon Government Public Service Commission
HS Exit Survey	Yukon Government Executive Council Office
Fab Foods: Life Skills, Employment and Training Program	Yukon Government Health and Social Services
CYFN Health Commission positions (2)	Yukon Government Health and Social Services
Targeted Wage Subsidy	Employment Central
Kwanlin Dun First Nation - House of Learning - Education & Employment Program	Yukon College
Youth Health Project Training	Youth of Today Society
Grad Corp Internship Program	Yukon Government Public Service Commission
Big MACHS (Heavy Equipment Operator) Training	Yukon Learn (and Ta'an Kwach'an Council)
Kwanlin Dun First Nation Land Based Healing Program	Yukon Government Health and Social Services
Seasonal Skill Retention Program	Various Organizations (4)