

2011/12 Annual Plan for Yukon Territory

Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA)
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The broad labour market objectives shared by Canada and Yukon are to:

- 1. increase the participation of Canadians and immigrants in the workforce to meet current and future labour market requirements;*
- 2. enhance the quality of skills development; and*
- 3. facilitate workforce mobility and provide the information necessary to make informed labour market choices.*

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Introduction

The 2011/12 Annual Plan provides information on the current Yukon Territory labour market situation and contains highlights as to plans for Yukon's LMDA and LMA for the 2011/12 year.

For example:

- Overview of Labour Market statistics and Priorities
- Stakeholder engagement
- LMA Investment Plan
- LMDA Investment Plan
- Industrial Sector conditions

This plan is the result of significant work between territorial and federal governments and consultation with key labour market stakeholders including:

- service providers
- community organizations
- educational organizations
- employers
- First Nations
- French language community
- other interested individuals and/or organizations

The LMDA and LMA Annual Plan for Yukon provides an opportunity to expand Yukon's role in the development and implementation of labour market programs and services to ensure labour market funding is strategically invested. The combined plan provides the opportunity to effectively maximize funding and resources under these critical agreements.

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The 2011/11 Annual Plan is the Yukon's first combined labour market plan which reduces overlap and duplication. Planning has been a key component of labour market development in the Yukon. Recently, the Yukon Government released the Labour Force Framework which represented extensive consultative and cooperative work with industry, First Nation's, Governments and Organizations. This extensive engagement of partners ensures greater collaboration on Yukon's labour market programming and services.

The Labour Market Development Agreement was signed by Canada and the Yukon on July 9, 2009. Responsibilities for development, design and delivery of Yukon Benefits and Support Measures was realized by the Yukon Government on February 1, 2010. With a year of operation, the Yukon Government is better able to meet the requirements of Yukon's Labour Market by ensuring programs and services address the needs of Yukon's unemployed.

The Labour Market Agreement was signed July 1, 2009. Under this agreement Canada provides annual investments for Yukon until 2014. This funding provides an opportunity for Yukon to augment its current efforts to support the development of Yukon's Labour Market.

Both agreements are administered by the Advanced Education Branch (AEB) of the Department of Education.

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Labour Market Framework

The Labour Market Framework for Yukon was released in October 2008. This document outlines strategies Yukon needed to develop to ensure Yukon has an inclusive and adaptable labour market that meets the demands of a strong and diversified economy.

In 2009, four working groups composed of labour market stakeholders were invited to develop five strategies to support Yukon's economic growth over the next 10 years:

- Comprehensive Skills and Trades Training Strategy
- Immigration Strategy
- Labour Market Information Strategy
- Recruitment and Employee Retention Strategies

The working groups were comprised of representatives from business and industry sectors, non-government organizations, cultural groups, educational providers, federal and territorial governments, and Council of Yukon First Nations staff.

Strategies and action plans developed by Yukon labour market stakeholders were recommended to Yukon Government who approved them in December 2010. Strategies and action plans were publicly released in February 2011 during the Labour Market Framework Forum which welcomed 90 stakeholders.

The strategies represent a map for labour market development in Yukon for the next 10 years while the action plans will guide the implementation of each strategy. These action plans will be revisited as often as needed to address changing labour market needs in Yukon.

To support the implementation of the strategies and action plans, four new stakeholder Committees are being created. Supported by Yukon government staff, these new Committees will monitor the activities and evaluate the implementation of the Framework during implementation.

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For more information on the Labour Market Framework strategies, action plans and the Stakeholder Committees, go to www.labourmarketframeworkyukon.com

The Labour Market Framework provided Yukon Government with the consultation necessary to plan our investments for LMDA and LMA for the 2011/2012 year.



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Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA)

On July 9th, 2009 the Government of Canada and the Government of Yukon signed a Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA).

The purpose of the agreement is to implement within the scope of Part II of the EI Act, new Canada-Yukon arrangements in the area of labour market development that will enable Yukon to assume an expanded role in the design and delivery of labour market development programs and services in Yukon, to benefit clients. Also, it will provide for cooperative arrangements between Canada and Yukon to reduce overlap and duplication in, and to harmonize and coordinate the delivery of their respective employment programs and services.

Canada and Yukon agree that in the administration of Yukon Benefits and Measures and in carrying out the function of the National Employment Service, Yukon will be guided, subject to the service delivery model, by the following principles on service to clients:

- citizen centered services which facilitate ease of access for a broad range of client groups;
- respectful and individual service;
- provision of an array of integrated labour market services which are flexible;
- innovative, and responsive to the changing labour market, and;
- measurable results within a well-defined framework of accountability.

This agreement replaces the existing co-managed agreement signed in 1998 under which the Federal Government retained responsibility for design and delivery of EI-funded Employment Benefits and Support Measures.

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Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA)

The Yukon Government's Department of Education, specifically, the Advanced Education Branch delivers and administers the Labour Market Development Agreement. Although yearly funding may vary slightly, in 2011-12, Yukon Government will receive \$3,537,000 in program funding.

Yukon Benefits and Support Measures are designed to provide E.I. Part II programs to unemployed individuals requiring assistance to return to the labour force. Benefits to individuals include, skill development, self employment and work experience. Support Measures provide funding that address labour market or human resource needs.

The Yukon Benefits and Support Measures include:

Employment Assistance Services (EAS)

Funding is provided to organizations to assist unemployed individuals who are eligible to work in Canada. Services may include, job finding assistance, resume writing, labour exchange, employability assessment including case management, the development of return to work action plans, and career decision making.

Skill Development (SDEB)

Funding is provided to unemployed, insured participants who lack skills required in the labour force and through this benefit, individuals are trained and able to re-enter the workforce. Apprenticeship training is included in this benefit and registered apprentices may obtain supports while attending approved training for their trade. Combined work experience with in school training is required for apprentices to earn certification in their trade.

Self Employment (SE)

The Self Employment Program provides funding to eligible insured participants to assist in beginning a business. Living supports and self employment expertise delivered through a service provider are eligible costs under this program. Individuals complete a feasibility plan and business plan reviewed by business experts in order to become self sufficient in the labour market through self employment.

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Targeted Wage Subsidy (TWS)

Targeted wage subsidy is provided to eligible participants who lack work experience in the labour market. Supports are provided to an employer to assist with wages of individuals who might not otherwise be hired because of their lack of work experience. Eligible participants must be insured participants. Priority will be given to employers who have operated existing business for one year.

Job Creation Partnerships (JCP)

Job Creation Partnerships provide assistance to business or organizations that provide work experience to eligible participants for activities that provide a community benefit and are incremental to the normal activities of the business or organization. Although this activity is not considered insured employment under the E.I. Act, the benefits are both to the individual and the community.

Labour Market Partnerships (LMP)

Labour Market Partnerships provide assistance to help support strategic investments for the purpose of addressing labour market issues including human resource issues that exist in our labour market, through stakeholder involvement.



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Labour Market Agreement (LMA)

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 (5) years. 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 2011/2012 is \$994,000.

The Advanced Education Branch (AEB) of the Department of Education, in cooperation with the Government of Canada, will administer the funding for the LMA.

The goal of the LMA is to provide labour market programs to enhance the labour market participation of individuals by assisting them to:

- **prepare for entry to or return to employment**
- **obtain or keep employment**
- **maintain skills for employment**

Eligible beneficiaries of the LMA include:

- **unemployed individuals who are not EI clients** (those individuals who have not been significantly attached to the workforce for some time, or have never been attached to the labour market, or those who were self-employed and are now unemployed)
- **employed individuals who are low-skilled** (in particular, those who do not have a high school diploma or a recognized certification or those who have low levels of literacy and essential skills)

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Investments made under the LMA are guided by the following principles:

Accessibility – access to comparable programs for Employment Insurance (EI)–eligible and non-EI-eligible individuals to enhance the labour market participation of all Canadian, particularly the low-skilled workers and under-represented groups;

Effectiveness – effective programs that draw on best practices from within Canada and abroad, respond to the needs of employers, and reflect local labour market conditions;

Quality Client-Centered Delivery – a coherent, integrated approach to providing client-centred programs;

Fairness – principle based-arrangements with Yukon, respecting primary territorial responsibility for design and delivery of labour market programming to individuals; and

Efficiency – improving the efficiency of the national labour market and strengthening the economic union by facilitating adjustment and removing barriers to mobility.

Examples of types of programming supported by LMA funding include:

- Skills training (from basic to advanced skills training),
- On-the-Job training and workplace-based upgrading,
- Group interventions and job readiness assistance,
- Wage subsidies and earnings supplements;
- Labour market connection services (i.e. matching supply and demand).

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Yukon Territory Labour Market

Yukon's population totaled 34,667 in December 2010, an increase of 1.5% from December 2009, which totaled 34,157. The majority of residents, 75.85%, or 26,304 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.

Yukon's labour force (age 15+) increased by 1000 in February 2011 to 19,400 compared to 18,400 in February 2010. Of the February 2011 labour force figure, 18,600 were employed and 800, or 4.1%, were unemployed. In February 2010, there were 18,400 individuals in the labour force of whom 17,100 were employed and 1300, or 7.1% were unemployed. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ended the 2010 year at 4.2% and further decreased to 3.6% in January 2011. Over the last 15 years, the average unemployment rate for January has been 8.5%. Over the last year, the unemployment rate for women has generally been lower than the rate for men.

Compared to Canada, Yukon has the lowest unemployment rate (4.1%) in February 2011, which was the lowest in Canada for the fourth month in a row.



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Yukon Territory 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.

Unemployment is significantly higher in rural Yukon than in Whitehorse. The unemployment rate between October 2009 and March 2010 for Whitehorse was 6.4% compared to 22.6% rural Yukon. Further, in the same period, the unemployment rate for Aboriginal people was 25.8%, while the non Aboriginal unemployment rate was 5%. Therefore, a focus on First Nations capacity building and rural projects that support labour market attachment will be considered.

The tourism and hospitality sector will continue to be an area where initiatives to support increased participation in Yukon's labour market should be implemented. Mineral exploration, mining, construction, highway maintenance are also key areas where further training and skills development can provide opportunities for unemployed and under-employed Yukoners to engage in the labour market.

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LMDA Investment Plan for 2011-2012

The Department of Education, Advanced Education Branch is responsible for administering the annual LMDA budget. For 2011/12, the annual budget is \$3,537,000. In considering this year's investment plan, labour market trends, priorities and past investments were considered. The following table outlines investment plan by program option.

<i>Program</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Percent of Budget</i>
Self Employment	<i>117,000</i>	<i>3.3%</i>
Skill Development	<i>670,000</i>	<i>19%</i>
Employment Assistance Services	<i>1,150,000</i>	<i>33%</i>
Labour Market Partnerships	<i>161,640</i>	<i>4.5%</i>
Targeted Wage Subsidy	<i>138,360</i>	<i>3.9%</i>
Skill Development-Tuition Differential	<i>1,300,000</i>	<i>36.7%</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,537,000</i>	

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Self Employment

Approximately, 3.3% of our budget is invested in the Self Employment Program, of which 40% is dedicated to providing Self Employment expertise through a service provider that provides a feasibility workshop, feasibility planning, business plan development and continued supports for individuals beginning their business.

Clients are approved for Self Employment on an individual bases. Priority for 2011-12, will be to support clients who have not been self employed in the past.

Skill Development

Approximately, 19% of our budget is invested in the Skill Development Program. Supports are provided for apprentices and for skill training. An additional 36% is provided for purpose of skill development tuition differential for both apprentice and skill training participants. Priority for Skill Development for 2011-12 will be to support to individuals whose training can be completed within two calendar years.

Employment Assistance Services

Employment Assistance Services in the Yukon includes support for two communities outside of Whitehorse, namely Watson Lake and Dawson City which provide job search assistance, resume assistance, labour exchange and case management. In Whitehorse Employment Assistance Services include an electronic information service, support for unemployed individuals with disabilities, an EAS for French speaking individuals and a service for unemployed individuals within the city that includes a labour exchange function and case management. Approximately 33% of our budget is devoted to EAS activities.

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Labour Market Partnerships

Support to identify human resource needs and trends is currently being undertaken and activity in this area will continue in 2011-12. Specific activities include an extensive review of the needs of individuals with disability in terms of employment and employer engagement. Further, human resource needs in industry sectors are being examined and activity will continue on these projects. Approximately 4.5% of the budget this year is designated for these activities.

Targeted Wage Subsidy

This program consists of support for unemployed insured participants who require work experience to successfully integrate back into the workforce. Wage subsidies are provided to eligible employers, with priority for businesses that have been in business for one year, and businesses that offer continued employment for a participant. Approximately 4% of our budget is utilized for these activities.

Job Creation Partnerships

Job Creation Partnerships has not been an active program option in the Yukon as employment is not considered insurable for participants and the economy has provided insurable employment when work experience is required. As such, no program budget has been allocated to this option, but if warranted by program demand, we will review.

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LMDA Accountabilities and Targets

1. Active Claimants

Results Indicators	Target for 2011-12
(a) the number of active EI claimants who have accessed benefits and measures	275
(b) the number of EI clients returned to employment	225
(c) savings to the Employment Insurance Account	\$2,600,000

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LMA Investment Plan for 2011-2012

The Department of Education, Advanced Education Branch is responsible for administering the annual LMA budget. For 2011/12, the annual budget is \$994,000.00. In considering this year's investment plan, labour market trends, priorities and past investments were considered. The following table outlines investment plan by program option.

<i>Program</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Percent of Budget</i>
Training & Skill Development	<i>350,000</i>	<i>35%</i>
On-the-Job Training/Workplace Based Upgrading	<i>174,000</i>	<i>18%</i>
Job Readiness	<i>120,000</i>	<i>12%</i>
Targeted Wage Subsidy	<i>150,000</i>	<i>15%</i>
Labour Market Connection Services	<i>100,000</i>	<i>10%</i>
Co-op Student	<i>100,000</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>994,000</i>	<i>100%</i>

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Training and Skill Development

Approximately 35% of our LMA budget will be invested in Training and Skill Development. As the Tourism & Hospitality, Mining and Construction sectors have begun to boom in Yukon a large portion of our budget will go towards skill development for those sectors. Our priority will be to support training that facilitates a timely entry into the workforce.

On-the-Job Training/Workplace Based Upgrading

Approximately 18% of our LMA budget will be invested in activities that facilitate on-the-job training or workplace based upgrading. Yukon sees training that occurs at the work site as a positive way to learn skills that will assist clients to keep employment and potentially move onto more technical and likely more rewarding work. This training will assist mainly our employed but low-skilled clients.

Job Readiness

Approximately 12% of our LMA budget will be invested in job readiness programming. Yukon sees the advantage of providing clients with the “soft” skills that cover areas of returning to, obtaining, and or retaining employment.

Targeted Wage Subsidy

This program, with 15% of the LMA budget, will be invested for support for non-EI eligible clients who require work experience to successfully integrate into the workforce. Wage subsidies are provided to eligible employers, with priority for businesses that have been in business for one year, and businesses that offer continued employment for participants. This program mirrors the TWS program offered through LMDA.

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Labour Market Connection Services

Approximately 10% of the LMA budget will be invested in this type of service. This investment will help support an organization to provide job search assistance, resume assistance, setting up of workplace experiences, case management, and career development.

Coop Students

Approximately 10% of the LMA budget will go towards a Coop Student program. To be eligible, the student must be in their final year of study and require work experience to assist them with their transition from educational institution to labour market.

LMA Expected Results

Yukon anticipates the following outcomes from the 2011/2012 Labour Market Agreement:

- An increase in participation of under represented groups in Yukon's labour market.
- An increase in the number of skilled employment and training opportunities
- An increase in amount and quality of local labour market information

Through the projects which have been or will be approved, it is expected that over **150** citizens will participate in direct employment or training opportunities.

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Appendix A – Yukon Industrial Sector Conditions

Following text is copied from Yukon Economic Outlook 2010 – Fall Update Economic Development/Yukon Government.

Mining

Historically high gold prices and positive results from exploration activities in the White Gold district near Dawson City have contributed to a very high level of claim staking. In the first eleven months of 2010 there has been a five-fold increase in the number of quartz claims staked, with 75,686 new quartz claims staked versus 14,094 in the same period of 2009. In October 2010 alone, 15,532 claims were staked, more than the 15,041 claims staked in all of 2009.

Exploration expenditures are now expected to exceed the 2007 record of \$140 million with exploration activities taking place in many parts of Yukon. Spending on exploration in the White Gold district has been a key contributor to expenditures in 2010.

Development work in 2010 has been primarily associated with the Wolverine and Bellekeno projects. Commissioning continues at the Bellekeno mine with the concentrator performing at its design capacity of 250 tonnes per day in November 2010. At full production the Bellekeno mine is expected to employ 120 people. The Wolverine mine is currently also in the commissioning phase with the processing facility noted as operating at 30% capacity in mid-November. The plan is for the mill to ramp up to the design capacity of 1,700 tonnes per day by the third quarter of 2011. At full production, Yukon Zinc will directly employ 190 people, with an additional 145 persons employed at the site via contractors. About 180 people will be working at the mine site at any given time. Once in full production, it is estimated that there will be 8-10 trucks per day from Wolverine to the port at Stewart, BC.

The mineral production forecast for 2010 has been revised downward. Technical issues with the Minto's tailings filter plant throughout 2010 negatively impacted production. As well, operations at the Bellekeno and Wolverine projects, which in May 2010 were expected to commence in the third quarter of 2010, did not begin until the fourth quarter. Overall, the lower than expected annual production in 2010 is now expected to see the value of production to come in at approximately \$260 million, versus the \$320 million expected in May. Production in 2011 will benefit from the first full year of operations from the Bellekeno and Wolverine mines. As well, Minto production in 2011 is expected to return to 2009 levels.

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Historically high prices for gold, and a continued rebound in copper prices, are helping to drive exploration of Yukon properties and make development of mineral properties more attractive. Year-to-date gold prices to the end of December 10 2010 have averaged \$1,218 per ounce, 26% higher than the same period in 2009. At the time of writing, gold prices were trading at about \$1,384 per ounce. The price of copper has also increased in 2010, with daily prices in November 2010 approaching levels not seen since the middle of 2008, just prior to the onset of the global economic downturn. Copper prices to the end of December 10, 2010 have averaged \$3.38 per pound, 47% higher than in the same period in 2009.

Oil and Gas

Production from the Kotaneelee gas field totaled 39.5 million cubic metres in the first nine months of 2010, down 10.6% from the almost 44.2 million cubic metres produced in the same period of 2009.

No Request for Postings (RFP) were received in the latest posting that closed on July 14, 2010. The next RFP closing date is January 19, 2011.

Open seasons for the Alaska Highway Pipeline Project for both Denali and TransCanada Pipelines (TCPL) were concluded in 2010. The process of negotiating binding agreements with shippers will go on into 2011 and potentially beyond. TCPL is currently collecting and analyzing data that is required to move forward with major regulatory filings.

TCPL is planning to proceed with filings to both the Northern Pipeline Agency in Canada and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in the United States in 2012.

The Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories recently agreed with the majority of the recommendations set out by the Joint Review Panel concerning the Mackenzie Gas Project. The National Energy Board must still provide final approval to the project – its decision on whether to approve the project is expected before the end of 2010. Imperial Oil, the primary proponent of the Mackenzie Gas Project, has said it will not make a final decision on whether to proceed until 2013.

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Tourism

Visitation to Yukon in 2010 has outperformed early 2010 expectations. A higher Canadian dollar, the uncertain U.S. economic recovery and a reduction in cruiseship visitation to Alaska were all considerations for the Departments of Economic Development and Tourism & Culture when forming the preliminary 2010 visitation forecast in May 2010. The data for the January to October period for 2010 indicates that these considerations have not significantly impacted visitation to Yukon as border crossings in the first 10 months totaled 303,920, up 11.2% (or 30,571 visitors), versus the same period in 2009. Increases in the January to October period were recorded in both private vehicle visitation and motorcoach visitation, which were up 5.1% (or 9,163) and 22.7% (or 21,408) respectively.

By country of origin, the largest increase in visitation was recorded from the United States, which saw an increase of 13.5% (or 24,840). For the first 10 months of 2010, visitation from the U.S. accounted for almost 68.6% of all border crossings, and for almost 81.3% of the total year-to-date increase in border crossings.

Border crossings for other countries other than the U.S. also showed strength in the first 10 months of 2010, with crossings totaling 31,637, up 4,276, or 15.6%, from the same period of 2009. Declining visitation from other parts of Canada for the January to October period has countered some of the 2010 increase, with border crossings of 24,767 down 3,410, or 12.1%, from the same period in 2010.

Based on the strong year-to-date numbers, border crossings are expected to exceed the forecast of 280,000-285,000, and are now expected to total approximately 310,000.

At the Erik Nielson Whitehorse International Airport, year-to-date (January – October) enplaning and/or deplaning passengers totaled 212,925, representing an increase of 7.8%, or 15,496 visitors, over the same period in 2009.

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Construction

The preliminary forecast completed in May 2010 was for building permits in 2010 to total \$130 million, down 17.9% from the \$158.3 million recorded in 2009. The value of building permits in the first 10 months of 2010 totaled \$115.1 million, down 16.2% from the \$137.3 million recorded in the same period of 2009. The revised forecast is that building permits will total \$120-\$130 million in 2010.

Construction activity in 2010 has primarily consisted of continued work on projects that were initiated in 2009 and that stemmed from increased capital spending by the Governments of Yukon and Canada in response to the global economic downturn which took hold in late 2008.

The majority of the construction work related to these projects is completed, or expected to be completed before the end of 2010:

- Whitehorse Public Safety Building
- Yukon Hospital Corp.'s Staff Residence & Health Services building in Whitehorse
- Construction activity related to the Wolverine and Bellekeno Mines

While several projects finished up in 2010, work will continue into 2011 on a number of projects:

- Work on the Whitehorse Correctional Centre;
- Construction of the Mayo B hydroelectric generation project is planned to continue into 2012;
- Construction of health facilities in Watson Lake and Dawson City are expected to continue into 2012;
- Development of the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre in Whitehorse and Champagne Aishihik Cultural Centre in Haines Junction;
- Design work on replacement of F.H. Collins High School in Whitehorse is nearing completion, construction is expected to commence in 2011;
- Development of the Korbo Apartment building in Dawson City and the replacement for the Alexander Street Senior's Residence in Whitehorse and;
- Development of a new wastewater treatment facility and district heating system in Dawson City is ongoing with construction slated to be completed before the end of 2011.

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Trade

Retail sales in the first nine months of 2010 totaled almost \$420 million, up 8.2% from the \$388.1 million recorded in the same period in 2009.

Statistics Canada 2009 change in its methodology for reporting trade data resulted in the suppression of detailed information on retail trade activity which currently makes providing a comprehensive discussion of Yukon retail trade difficult. At the time of the completion of the 2010 economic growth forecast, it was noted retail sales in 2010 were expected to rise, in part, because of an expectation of rising gasoline prices. Sales from gasoline stations are a significant component of the total value of retail sales, and with gasoline prices expected to increase, the expectation was for retail sales to be positively impacted. Data for the first nine months of 2010 for gasoline and diesel prices for Whitehorse show that prices increased, 13.4% and 8.1% respectively, versus the same period in 2009. Higher fuel prices, year-to-date, likely have contributed to some, but not all, of the increase in retail sales that was recorded in the first nine months of 2010.

Given the growth in retail sales posted in the first nine months of 2010, it appears that 2010 total will likely exceed the forecast of \$550 million for 2010 at approximately \$560 million.

Economic Growth

Statistics Canada's revised estimates for real GDP for the provinces and territories, released on November 4, 2010, indicate that Yukon's real GDP grew 3.9% in 2009 to \$1.571 billion. Yukon had the strongest growth in Canada last year, and was one of only two Canadian jurisdictions, along with Manitoba (0.05% growth), that registered growth. Canada's real GDP posted a decline of 2.5% and it was the fifth time in the last six years that the real GDP growth rate in Yukon was higher than the national growth rate.

The Department of Economic Development is currently forecasting real GDP growth of 3% to 4% for 2010. The Conference Board of Canada's Territorial Outlook July 2010 publication includes a forecast of 4.9% for Yukon real GDP for 2010. The Conference Board of Canada 2010 forecast for Yukon was completed on June 21, 2010.