

# **Building Capacity in Indigenous Governments Program**

**User Guidelines** 

#### **Purpose**

The Building Capacity in Indigenous Governments Program (GNWT secondment program) promotes and facilitates a two-way exchange of employees through temporary assignments between Indigenous governments and the GNWT.

This program can support approximately 10 secondments per year with each secondment receiving up to \$40,000.

## **Application**

These procedures apply to all departments, and agencies of the GNWT, except the NWT Power Corporation.

### **Procedures**

### **Employees of an Indigenous Government Seconded to the GNWT**

#### **Employees of Indigenous Government Seconded to the GNWT**

- 1. Indigenous Governments will complete an application identifying the areas where training and work experience is required. Applications are submitted to the Diversity and Inclusion unit at diversity and inclusion@gov.nt.ca.
- 2. The GNWT Indigenous Human Resource Specialist discusses the request with the applicable Human Resources Representative and the Manager/Supervisor of relevant departments. If in support of a secondment opportunity, the Supervisor of the position seeks the support of their Deputy Head.
- 3. Pending approval of the Deputy Head, consent to proceed with a secondment opportunity is communicated to the Indigenous Human Resource Specialist and subsequently to the Indigenous Government.
- 4. The supervisor, in cooperation with their respective Human Resource Representatives, the Indigenous Human Resource Specialist and the proposed secondee, identify the terms and conditions of the secondment agreement.
- 5. The Indigenous government, the Deputy Head of the Department and the secondee sign the secondment document.
- 6. Upon receipt of the secondment agreement, the Department of Finance will release funds to the Indigenous Government.

#### **Employees from the GNWT Seconded to Indigenous Government**

- 1. Indigenous Governments will complete an application identifying the areas where training and work experience is required and that they are requesting that a GNWT employee attend their organization to provide that training. Applications are submitted to the Diversity and Inclusion unit at <a href="mailto:diversityandinclusion@gov.nt.ca">diversityandinclusion@gov.nt.ca</a>.
- 2. The GNWT Indigenous Human Resources Specialist discusses the request with the applicable Human Resource Representative and the Manager/Supervisor of the relevant department(s). If in support of the secondment opportunity, the Manager/Supervisor of that department identifies an employee willing to participate in the secondment opportunity. The Affirmative Action Policy is applied when identifying an employee for this opportunity.
- 3. When an Indigenous Government identifies areas where training is required, an employee of the GNWT is identified to provide the training, and support of a secondment opportunity within that department is obtained, the Supervisor of the position seeks the support of their Deputy Head.
- 4. Pending approval of the Deputy Head, consent to proceed with a secondment opportunity is communicated to the Human Resource Representative and subsequently to the successful candidate.
- 5. The Indigenous Human Resource Specialist is responsible for seeking support from the Indigenous government to accept the candidate for the secondment.
- 6. The supervisor, in cooperation with their respective Human Resource Representatives and the proposed secondee, identify the terms and conditions of the secondment agreement.
- 7. Once the appropriate approvals are in place, the GNWT Human Resource Representative prepares the secondment agreement outlining the terms and conditions and responsibilities of all parties.
- 8. The Indigenous Government, the Deputy Head of the Department and the secondee sign the secondment document.
- 9. Upon receipt of the secondment agreement, the Department of Finance will release funds to the employee department. Those funds will be used to offset all costs of the secondment.