

Red Tape Reduction Working Group Terms of Reference

Mandate/Purpose

The purpose of the Red Tape Working Group is to advance the Government of the Northwest Territories Mandate priority to support increasing economic diversification by reducing red tape and regulatory burdens on small businesses.

Scope

The Working Group will work collaboratively to develop options for regulatory changes and other good regulatory practices that could be considered to ensure barriers on existing and future small business and entrepreneurs are minimized. Any proposed changes must be balanced with the understanding that some regulations are necessary for public health and safety, social wellbeing, education/training, and environmental protection.

Responsibilities

The Working Group will be responsible for the following as it relates to small business:

- Develop database of regulations;
- Collect and share information and research related to good regulatory practices, performance measurement and improvement of regulatory processes;
- Establish processes, tools and methods to help advance regulatory best practices; and
- Create an annual work plan of actions.

Membership

Members are individuals with responsibility for regulatory reform or related initiatives from the following organizations:

- Department of Finance,
- Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment,
- Department of Infrastructure
- Business Advisory Council, and
- NWT Association of Communities.

Each organization is invited to designate one official to act as its representative on the Working Group. Other individuals may participate in meetings when their work is relevant to the Working Group's agenda.

Discussion and decisions concerning the priorities and related work agenda of the Working Group are reserved for the official members of the Working Group.

Chair

The Department of Finance representative will serve as chair regarding leadership to set priorities, work agenda and meeting schedules.