
Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Pre-Conference Workshop: Indigenous Procurement

9:00am-4:00pm Sara Monture, CANDO
Join Cando's Procurement Navigator, Sara Monture, in our pre-conference workshop designed to take you through the procurement process: what is procurement – the role of the Economic Development Officer and key federal partners; finding opportunities – a review of the key websites and how to use them; how to market to the federal government and how to prepare and submit a bid.

Conference Day 1 Wednesday, May 1, 2024

8:00 am Registration/Full Breakfast/Exhibits

8:45 am Opening Comments: Barbara Joe, President, AFOA BC
Traditional Welcome:

9:00 am Setting your Community for Success
Geena Jackson, Executive Producer, The Bears' Lair TV

10:00 am Refreshment Break & Exhibitor Intros

10:15 am Strategic Planning and Analyzing Economic Opportunities
Jason Jenkins, Chief Executive Officer, Tsain-Ko Development Corporation
Ian MacDonald, Communications Manager, Tsain-Ko Development Corporation

11:30 am BMO

12:30 pm Lunch and Exhibitors

1:30 pm Importance of Building Foundations for Financial Literacy
Kear Porttris, Owner, Indigenous Professional, Porttris Consulting Group Ltd.
David Delisle, Author, Tkemlups Nation/ The Awesome Stuff

2:30 pm Refreshment Break

2:45 pm Leverage Employee Benefits to Support Economic Success
Gordon Penner, HUB International

3:45pm Co-ops as a Business Model
Jenna Pullen, Manager of Engagement, Cooperatives First

4:30pm Conference Adjournment

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm President's Reception

Conference Day 2 Thursday, May 2, 2024

8:00 am Registration/Full Breakfast/Exhibits

8:50 am Opening Comments: Wendy Ham, Executive Director, AFOA BC

9:00am	Resources for Economic Development Projects Caledonia Glendale, Inisa Consulting & Training Services
10:00am	Refreshments & Exhibitors
10:15am	Capital Raising for a Small Business BCSC
11:15 am	Rebuilding Indigenous Economies Amanda Calla, Senior Manager Group Retirement, Eagle Bay Financial
12:15 pm	Lunch and Networking/Exhibitor Draws
1:15 pm	HR for Entrepreneurs The Jouta Performance Group
2:15 pm	Panel Discussion: Closing the Infrastructure Gap Moderator: Wendy Ham, Executive Director, AFOA BC Scott Munro, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, FMB Jason Calla, Technical Team, First Nations Infrastructure Institute Booker Cornea, First Nations Bank of Canada
3:45pm	Closing remarks, AFOA BC Draw Prizes, Conference Adjournment
