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- EM.1.0 GENERAL**
- EM.1.1** **“Government of the Northwest Territories Economic Development Programs” means, for the purposes of this chapter, programs established by the Government of the Northwest Territories on a territory-wide basis with the primary objective of stimulating business activities.**
- EM.1.2** The provisions of this chapter are intended to be implemented through programs and policies in place from time to time without imposing any additional financial obligations on Government.
- EM.1.3** For greater certainty, nothing in this chapter affects the eligibility of Dehcho Citizens, Dehcho Enterprises or the Dehcho Government to participate in or benefit from Government economic development programs that are generally available to residents of the Northwest Territories, residents of Canada, or other Aboriginal groups in Canada.
- EM.2.0 GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- EM.2.1** Every three years, or such other time as the Parties agree, Canada will meet with the Dehcho Government and provide information about any government economic development programs that :
- a) support the Dehcho traditional economy by promoting opportunities for :
 - i) Dehcho Citizens to pursue traditional harvesting activities; and

- ii) the marketing of renewable resource products and goods manufactured by Dehcho Citizens and Dehcho Enterprises; and
- b) assist Dehcho Citizens to participate in economic activities by:
 - i) providing assistance in the development of Dehcho Enterprises, utilizing training plans and when necessary, identifying possible sources of financial assistance;
 - ii) encouraging capacity building, training and educational assistance for Dehcho Citizens;
 - iii) encouraging the employment of Dehcho Citizens in major projects and developments;
 - iv) promoting opportunities for the employment of qualified Dehcho Citizens in the Federal Public Service within the Dehcho Settlement Area by reviewing job qualifications and recruitment procedures within existing policies to ensure appropriate integration of cultural factors, experience, or education; and

EM.2.2 Where **Canada** proposes a new Economic Development Program or a material amendment to an existing Economic Development Program, either of which relate to EM.2.1, it will Consult with the Dehcho Government.

EM.3.0 GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

EM.3.1 Every three years, or at such other time as agreed, the Government of the Northwest Territories will meet with the Dehcho Government to provide information about any Government of the Northwest Territories Economic Development Programs that are available to Dehcho Citizens, Dehcho Enterprises or the Dehcho Government which would:

- a) encourage the pursuit of traditional Harvesting activities;
- b) support the marketing of renewable resource products and other goods;

c) provide assistance toward the creation or growth of businesses; and

d) provide opportunities for training and educational assistance.

EM.4.0 CONTRACTING BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

EM.4.1 Where Canada carries out public activities wholly or partly in the Dehcho Settlement Area, which gives rise to contracting opportunities in the Dehcho Settlement Area, and Canada elects to enter into contracts with respect to these activities, Canada will:

- a) follow its contracting procedures and approaches which may be in place from time to time intended to maximize local, regional and aboriginal employment and business opportunities, including the provision of opportunities for potential contractors to become familiar with bidding systems; and
- b) where Canada elects to hold public sessions aimed at providing information to potential contractors about the requirements of a contract, Canada will ensure at least one such session be held in the Northwest Territories.

EM.4.2 The Dehcho Government will prepare, maintain and update annually a comprehensive inventory of Dehcho Enterprises, together with information on the goods and services they would be in a position to supply in relation to contracts tendered by Canada, and will make this inventory available to Canada.

EM.5.0 CONTRACTING BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

EM.5.1 When the Government of the Northwest Territories intends to carry out public activities on Dehcho Settlement Lands which give rise to contracting opportunities, and the Government of the Northwest Territories elects to enter into contracts with respect to those activities without going to public tender, Dehcho Citizens or Dehcho Enterprises will be given the first opportunity to negotiate such contracts, provided they satisfy all requirements particular to the contract, including price.

- EM.5.2** Should negotiations referred to in EM.5.1 not result in a contract within **the time specified by the project**, the Government of the Northwest Territories may take the contract to a public process, including public tender, at its discretion and Dehcho Citizens or Dehcho Enterprises will be permitted to bid on the contract.
- EM.5.3** Where the Government of the Northwest Territories carries out **public activities** within the Dehcho Settlement Area which give rise to **contracting opportunities** and the Government of the Northwest Territories elects to enter into contracts with respect to those activities, the Government of the Northwest Territories preferential contracting policies and procedures intended to encourage local, regional and northern employment and business opportunities will be followed.
- EM.5.4** For greater certainty, nothing in this chapter will be construed to diminish the ability of the Government of the Northwest Territories to publicly tender **contracts**.
- EM.5.5** **The Dehcho Government will prepare, maintain and update annually a comprehensive inventory of Dehcho Enterprises, together with information on the goods and services they would be in a position to supply in relation to contracts tendered by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and will make this inventory available to the Government of the Northwest Territories.**