

CHAPTER EM - ECONOMIC MEASURES

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EM.1.0 **GENERAL**

EM.1.1 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.2.0 **PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

EM.2.1 When implementing Government Economic Development Programs in the Dehcho Settlement Area, Government will take measures, as it considers reasonable in light of its fiscal responsibility and economic objectives, to:

- a) promote 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
- v) encouraging the employment of qualified Dehcho Citizens in the Government of the Northwest Territories Public Service within the Dehcho Settlement Area by reviewing job qualifications and recruitment procedures within existing policies in order to remove inappropriate requirements in respect of cultural factors, experience or education.

EM.2.2 Where Government proposes a new Economic Development Program relating to the measures set out in EM 1.1, it will Consult with the Dehcho Government.

EM.2.3 Government will meet with the Dehcho Government at least once every three (3) years to review the effectiveness of any measures developed pursuant to EM.1.1.

EM.2.4 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.3.0 CONTRACTING BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

EM.3.1 Government of Canada will provide reasonable support and assistance to Dehcho Enterprises as set out in this chapter to enable them to compete for Government Contracts.

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¹ The Government of Canada is currently reviewing contracting regarding the acquisition of goods and services for First Nations.

- EM.3.3** 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.4.0** **CONTRACTING BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**
- EM.4.1** When the Government of the Northwest Territories intends to carry out Public Activities on Dehcho Settlement Area which give rise to employment or other economic 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.4.2** Should negotiations referred to in EM.3.1 not result in a Contract within a reasonable time, 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.4.3** Where the Government of the Northwest Territories carries out Public Activities within the Dehcho Settlement Area which give rise to employment or other economic 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.4.4** The Government of the Northwest Territories will Consult the Dehcho Government when developing modifications to its preferential contracting policies and procedures.
- EM.4.5** 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.