



SASKATCHEWAN FIRST NATIONS  
**NATURAL RESOURCE**  
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

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## Centre of Excellence

The Centre of Excellence is mandated to provide support and work with First Nation communities in creating opportunities for the innovative, sustainable and environmentally responsible development of the natural resources within their lands and Indigenous territories.

The Centre of Excellence also works to support initiatives that engage more First Nations people in business, educational and employment programs aimed at the Energy/Resource Sector. It is our hope that by developing meaningful and collaborative relationships among First Nations, Industry, Educational Institutions and all levels of government, that we can build a prosperous future through the sustainable development of First Nation communities.

## Vision

*To serve First Nations in achieving their aspirations, now and for future generations.*

## Mission

*We will support and work with Chiefs and Councils in creating opportunities for the innovative, sustainable and environmentally responsible development of the natural resources within their Treaty and traditional territories.*

## Mandate

*The Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence is an institution and mechanism that supports Saskatchewan First Nations to enter, grow and sustain their involvement in managing, controlling and benefitting economically from their natural resources.*

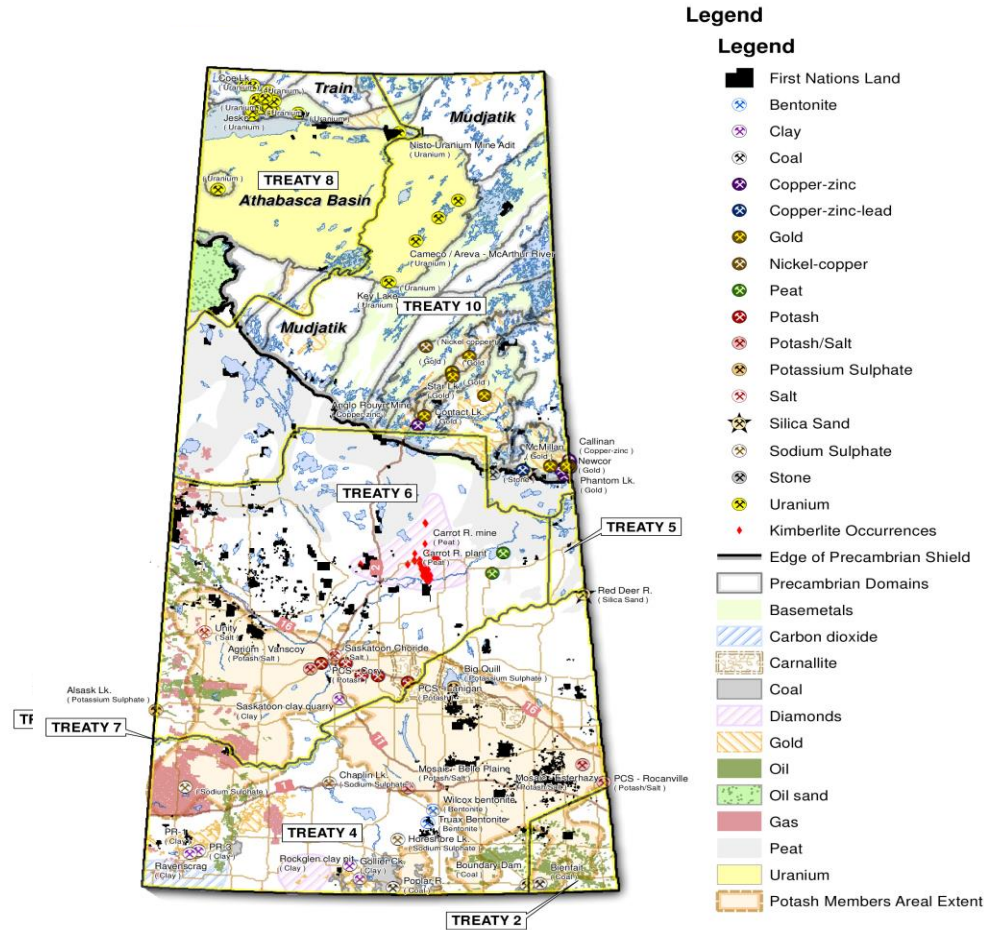
## Board of Directors

Saskatchewan currently has ten (10) Grand/Tribal Councils and seventy-four (74) First Nations – all of which are considered members of the Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence. Representatives from each of the following organizations compose the twelve (12) member Board of Directors:

- Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN)
- Agency Chiefs Tribal Council
- Battlefords' Agency Tribal Chiefs
- Battlefords' Tribal Council
- File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council
- Meadow Lake Tribal Council
- Prince Albert Grand Council
- Saskatoon Tribal Council
- South East Treaty 4 Tribal Council
- Touchwood Agency Tribal Council
- Yorkton Tribal Council
- Independent First Nations

# What types of Resource Development are First Nations involved in in Saskatchewan?

- Oil and Gas
- Uranium
- Potash
- Forestry
- Graphite
- Gold
- Etc.



## EXPORT System



EXPORT

### What is it?

EXPORT is a skills inventory and business registration database that has been developed by the Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence. Will be officially launched in the fall of 2014 and hosted at <http://www.skfncentre.ca>.

### What does it do?

EXPORT works to connect the following:

- **Individuals** - can create a personal profile, enter skills & education, have resume created and ability to view select job postings.
- **Businesses** – able to submit a vendor from that will assist in the pre-qualification assessment for future business opportunities.
- **Communities** – able to review all employment data on membership and businesses, create statistical reports and provide search capability.
- **Centre of Excellence** – can review all data, approve job listings, administer the database, create email listings and market EXPORT.

## EXPORT System



EXPORT

### Key Features

- Online Accessibility
- Skills Inventory
- Pre-qualification assistance to First Nations Vendors
- Resume Builder for Individuals
- Communication tool for Procurement Professionals and First Nations Vendors
- Custom employment & business reports for First Nations
- Job Postings and Employment Opportunities
- Notification of Training Opportunities
- Interface for industry procurement processes and related documents
- iPad/iPhone/Android mobile capability

### Future Development

- Online Expression of Interest (EOI) Process
- Electronic Vendor Form Creation



## EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

### Partnerships

To work proactively with existing public and private institutions to develop training programs that will work to assist in the mobilization of First Nations people in Saskatchewan.

**Sector Steering Committees** – Narrow but realistic focus on Skills Inventory and Gap Analysis to strive for real outcomes

### EXPORT System

- Skills Inventories of participating First Nations
- Resume Builder for Individuals
- Online job postings and Employment Opportunities
- Notification of Training Opportunities

## ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Small to Medium Business Support

Focused Capacity Building Workshops

EXPORT System

- Registration of existing First Nations businesses in Saskatchewan
- Identification of pre-qualification requirements for First Nations Business(es)
- Interface for industry procurement processes and related documents

# SUSTAINABILITY

## Purpose

The purpose of the Centre of Excellence is to:

1. Offer First Nations, opportunities to play an active role in all sectors of Industry;
2. Develop business models that could benefit all First Nations in the Energy/Resource sector;
3. Assist in a significant way by ensuring any joint venture relationships and/or resource agreements are effectively structured and managed;
4. Provide independent technical, financial, legal and managerial expertise and support;
5. Assist First Nations in establishing equity participation in major resource development;
6. Assist with fostering employment development opportunities for First Nations with key stakeholders to target focused training resources to labour force demands; and

## Summary

What can the Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence provide potential Partners through relationship development?

- Centralized service delivery to Saskatchewan First Nations in the area of Employment & Training and Enterprise Development
- Data compilation on skills and business inventories of Saskatchewan First Nations through the EXPORT System
- Forum for the capacity development of First Nations individuals, businesses and communities
- Linkage with industry and affiliated Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's)
- Third-party support for First Nations organizations and individuals

## Summary

How can potential Partners assist the Centre of Excellence in the delivery of its mandate?

Development of a Alliance Partner framework for reciprocal support for initiatives for the Centre of Excellence to:

- provide outreach in Saskatchewan reserves and communities and promotion of EXPORT System
- Collaborate on Employment & Training and Enterprise Development initiatives

*The Centre of Excellence is taking a leadership role in developing opportunities to assist First Nations communities in achieving their full potential. Through innovative and collaborative partnerships, the Centre of Excellence seeks to provide a value proposition that will further the collective economic interests of First Nations, Government and Industry.*

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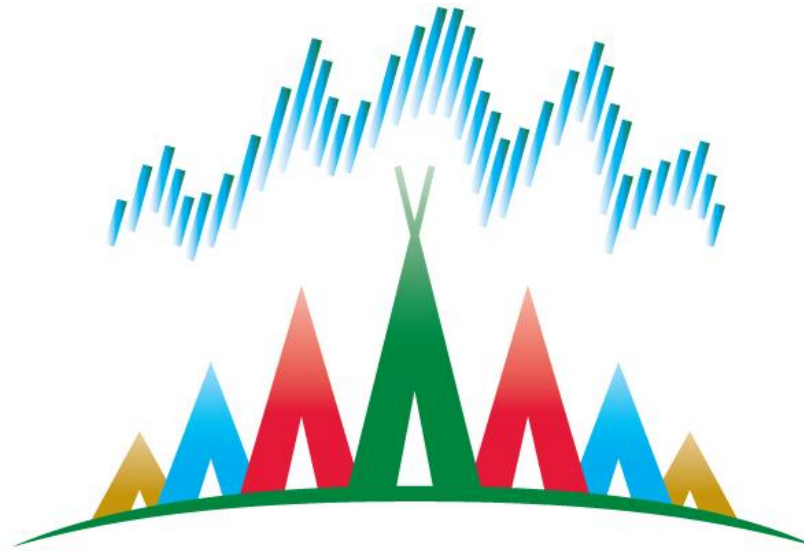
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