

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
between
**THE ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**
and
**THE ABORIGINAL WORKFORCE
PARTICIPATION INITIATIVE**

The parties to this agreement agree to work together
in the development of a partnership on Aboriginal employment.

The parties further agree that the partnership will be based on close cooperation between the parties having individual and joint rights, responsibilities and authorities in an environment that reflects and fosters:

- Fairness and equity;
- Consistency of approach;
- Mutual respect and dignity;
- Open communication; and
- Trust.


The parties agree to work on joint strategies with Aboriginal communities, unions, and employers to facilitate:

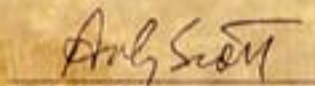
- Aboriginal career development and employment;
- Labour market planning;
- Linkages to the Aboriginal labour force;
- Constructive cultural relations in the workplace;
- Mutually beneficial business development initiatives and
- Business opportunities

The parties will use existing programs and services to advance the objectives of the partnership.
The parties will develop an action plan indicating both short and long-term strategies to:

- Co-monitor progress of the agreements; and
- Co-evaluate results of the agreements.

Signed this 16 day of SEPTEMBER, 2001


On behalf of Government
Relations Aboriginal Affairs


On behalf of the
Government of Canada