



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Government Procurement

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WHEREAS among the objectives of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (the “*Nunavut Agreement*”) is to provide Inuit with means of participating in economic opportunities and to encourage Inuit self-reliance;

AND WHEREAS in exchange of the surrender of certain aboriginal claims and title in the lands and waters of the Inuit homeland, Inuit received benefits and promises contained in the *Nunavut Agreement*;

AND WHEREAS among such benefits and promises are government commitments to develop and maintain preferential policies to assist Inuit to compete for government contracts;

AND WHEREAS Section 24.3.6 provides that these preferential policies will reflect the following objectives:

- (a) increased participation by Inuit firms in business opportunities;
- (b) improved capacity of Inuit firms to compete for government contracts; and
- (c) employment of Inuit at a representative level in the Nunavut Settlement Area work force;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has yet to develop procurement policies to implement Article 24 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, 21 years after its signing;

AND WHEREAS improvements are much needed to the Government of Nunavut’s NNI Policy and its implementation and monitoring processes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NTI Members call upon the Governments of Canada and Nunavut to develop and maintain procurement policies to fulfill the spirit and intent of Article 24 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, and to bring benefits to Inuit through increased participation in contracting opportunities and the wage economy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT government procurement policies be developed and implemented so as to, among other things, reduce barriers and provide opportunities for small Inuit firms to participate in government procurement, and to assist small firms to build capacity over time.

In Favour: 19
Against: 0
Abstention: 0

Carried:
Defeated: