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Makigiaqta and NCC Development Announce \$4.9 Million Partnership to Train Nunavut Inuit in Building Construction Trades

(April 9, 2024 – Iqaluit, Nunavut) Today, the Makigiaqta Inuit Training Corporation (Makigiaqta) and NCC Development (NCCD) announced a partnership to deliver a Trades Training and Career Building Program for Nunavut Inuit. The agreement provides training funding from Makigiaqta over 6 years and will see NCC train up to 90 Inuit as apprentices in the construction industry. Participants will receive hands-on training, and work with certified journeypersons.

Construction is a significant part of Nunavut's economy. Investing in training and career building for Nunavut Inuit will reduce the need for southern labour and help to control the cost of construction and building maintenance. This funding will allow training to occur in all Nunavut communities over 6 years. During the 2024-25 the following eight communities that will have training opportunities available: Arctic Bay, Arviat, Baker Lake, Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet and Taloyoak.

The training program will be offered in Inuktitut and English.

Quotes

“This apprenticeship program will give Nunavut Inuit the chance to pursue rewarding careers building the homes and infrastructure we urgently need. Ultimately this will allow Nunavut Inuit to participate in implementing Angirratsaliulauqta Initiative, the Nunavut Inuit Housing Action Plan (NIHAP) and closing the infrastructure gap. .”

— Aluki Kotierk, President of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and Chair of Makigiaqta

“NCC Development Limited “(NCCD)” is pleased to partner with Makigiaqta to deliver this program for Inuit across the Territory. This project helps us to deliver on one of the main goals of the Nunavut 3000 agreement as well as the Nunavut Inuit Housing Action Plan which is to develop Inuit workforce capacity and provide Inuit with opportunities for

meaningful employment and careers in the residential construction and maintenance sectors. We remain committed to this goal to ensure training continues to enhance and grow the Inuit workforce for generations to come.”

— Harry Flaherty, Chair of the Board of NCCD

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