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The Government of Yukon signs job training agreement with Association franco-yukonnaise

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon and the Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY) have signed a three-year agreement worth \$221,625 to provide employment and skills training to the French-speaking community and to English speakers wishing to improve their French language abilities.

"This agreement will support both French- and English-speaking Yukoners in gaining the skills they need to build and continue their careers," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "The Association franco-yukonnaise has been a great resource for our community for many years, and the Department of Education is pleased to support the organization's work in promoting employment skills and training."

Under this transfer payment agreement AFY will run employment and skills training programs over the next three years. These will help more than 460 job seekers and working individuals to gain and enhance their ability to find work or to continue working in their fields. Included in the agreement are:

- Professional development opportunities such as software courses and specialized training in project management, human resources and other employment-related fields.
- French as a second language and conversational French courses.
- A new, bilingual, service-sector training program focusing on the demands of the hospitality sector and other regional needs, based on the recommendations of the 2014 *Study on Skills Development Needs in the Yukon*.

"We are very happy and grateful for this new funding, which will enable many adults from our community to gain new skills or improve existing ones needed for employment," AFY president Angélique Bernard said.

The Association franco-yukonnaise is a non-profit organization whose objective is to improve the quality of life for Yukon Francophones. AFY was created in 1982 and today has 135 members. AFY's mission is to create and develop, with the help of its partners, the services, activities and institutions needed in order for the Yukon Francophone community to remain viable and dynamic.

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