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### Construction and training project in Carcross receives funding

WHITEHORSE – An innovative construction training project that will result in a new tourist facility in the Carcross area will receive \$72,500 through the Labour Market Agreement, Education Minister Patrick Rouble announced today.

"The cordwood training project provides an excellent opportunity to partner with the Carcross/Tagish Development Corporation to support training in a simple yet innovative form of construction," Rouble said. "The training that individuals will receive through this project is a prime example of using Labour Market Agreement funds to provide Yukoners with Yukon opportunities."

A local crew will be trained in cordwood construction – an ancient, resilient and simple technique that uses short split logs – and will build an eco-friendly tourism facility that could, for example, serve hikers and mountain bikers visiting Montana Mountain.

The project is expected to provide full-time employment for five workers and one supervisor for one building season. Workers will be able to use the experience they gain on other construction projects.

"Our partnership allows us to launch a training program that has the potential to both educate our Carcross/Tagish citizens in green building techniques and teach transferable skills that we hope will lead to longer-term employment in the region," Carcross/Tagish Development Corporation chief executive officer Justin Ferbey said.

The Canada-Yukon Labour Market Agreement was signed in July 2009 to support unemployed and underemployed Yukoners looking to improve their skills and work opportunities.

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