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### Labour Market Agreement Annual Plan Announced

WHITEHORSE – Education Minister Patrick Rouble today released the government’s annual plan for implementing the Canada-Yukon Labour Market Agreement (LMA) for the fiscal year 2009-10.

In this plan, seven projects are being funded through the LMA’s Strategic Training and Transition Fund, with an estimated value of \$1,457,000.

“We are pleased to be working with Yukon to help Yukoners get the skills and training they need to be job ready,” federal Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley said. “Through the LMA and through measures introduced in our Economic Action Plan, we are creating more and better opportunities for all Canadians through skills development.”

“Investing in our citizens and our workforce is a priority for the government,” Rouble said. “Through the LMA, we are ensuring programs and services are available that will help prepare Yukoners for Yukon opportunities.”

The Advanced Education branch is administering funding for the LMA. The funds assist groups that are underrepresented in the workplace and that require additional support to fully engage in Yukon’s labour market. Such groups include social assistance recipients, people with disabilities, older workers, youth, First Nations, women in trades and immigrants.

The Canada-Yukon Labour Market Agreement was signed in July 2009. Through the LMA, Yukon is receiving an estimated \$2,982,000 for the next five years from the Government of Canada. Yukon is also receiving an additional \$2,914,000 over two years via the Strategic Training and Transition Fund, which will be delivered through the LMA.

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See backgrounder attached.

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**2009-10 LMA Projects**

| <b>Lead Organization</b>                         | <b>Project Description</b>  | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|---|---------------|
| Yukon College and Kwanlin Dün First Nation       | Education & Employment Training Program to address academic, employment and life-skills needs among Kwanlin Dün First Nation citizens. Visit <a href="http://www.qov.yk.ca/news/2009/09-219.html">www.qov.yk.ca/news/2009/09-219.html</a> for details.  | \$101,822     |
| Yukon Chamber of Commerce and Advanced Education | Young Workers Employment program to help youth enter into the labour market. The program provides work experience and employability skills by providing a wage subsidy to employers in rural Yukon communities. Visit <a href="http://www.qov.yk.ca/news/2009/09-240.html">www.qov.yk.ca/news/2009/09-240.html</a> for details.   | \$300,000     |
| Whitehorse Correctional Centre                   | Provide up to 10 inmates with employment skills in guiding/outfitting and wilderness tourism. Life skills, interpersonal communication and client service will assist participants to gain employment in tourism and hospitality occupations.   | \$53,075      |
| Highways and Public Works                        | To train and certify 14 First Nations citizens in heavy equipment operation through the Highway Maintenance Training program. Graduates will be skilled in all aspects of road maintenance and associated disciplines. Skills are transferrable to other sectors. Visit <a href="http://www.qov.yk.ca/news/2009/09-262.html">www.qov.yk.ca/news/2009/09-262.html</a> for details. | \$500,000     |
| Challenge  | Commercial Kitchen Skills and Employ Ability Training. The kitchen program will teach 8 people food preparation skills. Employ Ability skills will provide 12 people with the skills to become and stay employed. These programs provide coaching and mentoring.  | \$236,725     |
| Yukon Tourism Education Council                  | To teach up to 30 unemployed people skills to get and keep jobs in the hospitality and tourism industry. Ready to Work and Canadian Workplace Essentials teach the value of responsibility, positive attitude, safety, communications, numeracy, confidence and job search skills, etc, and industry-specific knowledge of tourism and customer service.                          | \$71,080      |

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| Executive Council Office<br>Bureau of Statistics,<br>Yukon College and<br>Department of Education | Develop a survey to build a database of employment and education experience of Yukoners aged 18-25, from leaving high school through college and university to their first full- and part-time jobs. This is Yukon's most underemployed age group. Results will be used to design labour market skills programs, transition programs and as feedback to the Public School branch. The survey will help measure the success of programs. | \$84,298 |
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