



The 2018 **Intersections for Growth Conference** showcases the ongoing partnership between the Saskatchewan Economic Development Association and the Saskatchewan First Nations Economic Development Network and our goal to build mutually beneficial municipal and First Nations relationships using economic development as a bridge to reconciliation.

Proudly sponsored by the Affinity Credit Union, the inaugural **Partnership & Reconciliation Awards** program recognizes partnerships between municipalities or regional development entities and First Nations, who are taking positive steps towards reconciliation and economic development in Saskatchewan. Two awards will be presented:

- Affinity Credit Union Economic Partnership Award; and
- Affinity Credit Union Reconciliation Award.

Saskatchewan Economic Development Association (SEDA) has operated for 34 years with a focus on community and economic development, community regeneration and resilience.

Saskatchewan First Nations Economic Development Network (SFNEDN) was established in 2012 to promote and support the sustainable economic livelihood of Saskatchewan First Nations communities through building capacity, relationships and knowledge.

Our ongoing program and service delivery includes education, resource provision, coaching, research and partnership building. We seek to influence and support best practices, and partner with businesses and organizations who share our passion for developing an inclusive and more resilient Saskatchewan.

SEDA and SFNEDN support the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as we engage all sectors in respectful relationship building and inclusive economic development. Inclusive economic development is the bridge that will bring non-Indigenous and Indigenous communities together to forge working relationships and ensure a sustainable standard of living for their residents.

The Intersections for Growth Conference is designed to engage Indigenous and non-Indigenous delegates in discussing reconciliation, economic opportunities and as options to address common challenges together. Take advantage of this opportunity to expand your network, showcase your business and be a part of positive change. For more information click here: www.intersectionsforgrowth.ca

2018 Partnership & Reconciliation Awards nominations are due by March 30, 2018

ADJUDICATION PROCESS

The awards will be judged by an adjudication committee consisting of three members from the SEDA and SFNEDN boards. Individuals who submit an entry/nomination will not be eligible to sit on the adjudication committee for that category. Each member of the adjudication committee, independent of the others, will review and score each entry. A ranking system (judging process and evaluation form) will be used to evaluate each criterion. The award will be presented to the entry with the highest ranking, provided a minimum number of points are met.



AWARDS PRESENTATION

An original commemorative award developed for the SEDA/SFNEDN **Partnership & Reconciliation Awards** by Saskatchewan artist Ernie Scoles will be presented to each award recipient. The **Partnership & Reconciliation Awards Luncheon** will be held on May 2, 2018 at the 2018 Creating Intersections for Growth Conference in Saskatoon. All entrants are encouraged to register and attend. Visit the conference website at www.intersectionsforgrowth.ca

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR ENTRY: DUE March 30, 2018.

Carefully review the judging criteria and submission requirements for each category. Include the following items to complete your entry submission:

- Letter of nomination;
- A narrative submission no longer than three (3) pages in length;
- Letters of support or commendation are encouraged;
- Ensure your name and contact information is included;
- Submit any supporting material digitally as appendices;
- Clearly label all pages and items in your entry;
- Submit payment if you are a non SEDA member;
- Submit entries via email to seda@seda.sk.ca or via Canada Post: SEDA, Box 113, Saskatoon SK S7K 3K1.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I submit my organization for multiple awards?

Your organization may submit more than one entry including multiple submissions for the same category.

Can I submit an entry on behalf of another organization or person?

You may submit an entry on behalf of yourself or a colleague. If you are submitting on behalf of another organization/person, you are required to notify the other party.

Will I get my entry back after the judging?

All submissions become the property of SEDA and SFNEDN.

How will I know that my entry has been received?

A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of your entry.



Partnership and Reconciliation Award

The SEDA and SFNEDN recognize the collaborative efforts of First Nation and municipal governments on reconciliation efforts and economic development through the presentation of the inaugural SEDA/SFNEDN Partnership and Reconciliation Award proudly sponsored by Affinity Credit Union.

NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY – Reconciliation Award

Eligible nominees are communities comprised of one or more First Nation reserves and one or more municipalities or that are working collaboratively on **reconciliation** efforts between their communities. This may include a wide variety of effort such as action plans, friendship agreements, accords or other formalized relationships that are intended to reduce barriers, create understanding and positive outcomes for their respective citizens.

NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY – Economic Development Award

Eligible nominees are communities comprised of one or more First Nation reserves and one or more municipalities that are working collaboratively on **economic development** strategies between their communities. This may include a wide variety of efforts such as regional economic development and business development plans, businesses that have been started by the First Nation and municipality or other formalized relationships that are intended to create employment for their respective citizens and profits for the communities involved.

AWARDS CRITERIA

The following criteria will be considered in the adjudication process:

- Name of formalized agreement;
- Economic development studies;
- Accomplishments, service to and relevant community involvement;
- Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity in reconciliation;
- Letters of commendation and other supporting documentation.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please include:

- Letter of nomination;
- narrative submission no longer than three (3) pages in length outlining the First Nation(s) and municipality(s) and detailed list of accomplishments;
- Letters of support or commendation are encouraged;
- Ensure your name and contact information is included;
- Submit any supporting material digitally as appendices (e.g. media releases, copies of agreements, etc.);
- Clearly label all pages and items in your entry.

**Submit entries by March 30, 2018 via email to seda@seda.sk.ca or via Canada Post to:
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