

## 2018 SFNEDN Economic Developer Awards

The 2018 Saskatchewan First Nations Economic Development Awards showcase the work, passion and outcomes achieved by an individual First Nation citizen and community that builds positive business relationships, employment for First Nations and incorporates traditional values into mainstream business practice.

The importance of economic development to the wellbeing of First Nations in Saskatchewan and contribution to the health and resiliency of Saskatchewan's economy cannot be understated. The entrepreneurial spirit of First Nations in Saskatchewan is acknowledged as a critical engine of economic growth, innovation and diversification in our province. First Nation individuals and communities are known to be leaders in economic growth and job creation. In recognition of this, the SFNEDN presents the annual "**SFNEDN Economic Developer Awards**" commemorating the effort and achievement of individuals and communities. One award will be given in each category:

- Individual Economic Developer Award; and
- Community Economic Developer Award.

**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.

The Mission of the SFNEDN is:

*"To promote and support the sustainable economic livelihood of Saskatchewan First Nations communities through building capacity, relationships and knowledge."*

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 First Nation and non-First Nation communities together to forge positive working relationships, contribute to the economic resiliency of Saskatchewan's economy and ensure a sustainable standard of living for our First Nation residents.

**2018 SFNEDN Economic Developer Awards nominations are due by March 30, 2018**

### ADJUDICATION PROCESS

The awards will be judged by an adjudication committee consisting of SFNEDN board members. 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 **SFNEDN Economic Developer Awards** by Saskatchewan artist Ernie Scoles will be presented to each award recipient. The **SFNEDN Economic Developer Awards Luncheon** will be held on May 7, 2018, which has been proclaimed "Indigenous Economic Development Day", at Wanuskewin Heritage Park in Saskatoon. All entrants are encouraged to register and attend. Visit the SFNEDN website at [www.sfnedn.com](http://www.sfnedn.com) for further details.

### 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:

#### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

*Please include:*

- Letter of nomination;
- Narrative submission no longer than two (2) pages in length outlining the individual or First Nation community or entity and detailed list of accomplishments;
- Letters of support or commendation are encouraged;
- Ensure your name and contact information is included as well as your nominee's;
- Submit any supporting material digitally as appendices (e.g. media releases, etc.);
- Clearly label all pages and items in your entry.
- Submit entries via email to [ssoonias@sfnedn.com](mailto:ssoonias@sfnedn.com) or via Canada Post: SFNEDN, 215-2553 Grasswood Rd. E., Saskatoon, SK. S7T 1C8.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Can I submit my organization for multiple awards?*

You or 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 SFNEDN.

*How will I know that my entry has been received?*

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

#### **NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY – Individual Economic Developer Award**

Eligible nominees are **individuals** that are working in economic development as an individual entrepreneur or on behalf of their community or on behalf of a business. This may include a wide variety of efforts such as establishing new partnerships, creating new business ventures, preserving a strong sustainable community, maintenance of First Nation culture and values, facilitating new and/or inclusive business development opportunities or other endeavors that demonstrate a successful business venture.

#### **NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY – Community Economic Developer Award**

Eligible nominees are **communities** that are working on economic development strategies between their communities. This may include a wide variety of effort such as regional economic development and business development plans, establishing new partnerships, market development and innovation, facilitating First Nation business opportunities, or other formalized relationships that are intended to create employment for their respective citizens and profits for the communities involved.