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Public Notice

Participant Funding Available

for the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB)'s Technical Review of the Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) of the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Infrastructure's proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway project.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is inviting applications from individuals and groups seeking participant funding to assist participation in the Technical Review of the Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) for MVEIRB's environmental assessment of the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Infrastructure's proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway project, between Wrigley and Norman Wells, Northwest Territories. In examining the environmental and socio-economic effects of this project, the MVEIRB will, among other things, consider the interests of Indigenous people and their special relationship to the environment and their cultures, traditions, health and lifestyles.

Funding for the 2023-24 fiscal year (beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024) is available to support **Indigenous and public participation during the Technical Review of the DAR phase of the Environmental Assessment**. Should analysis of the DAR extend beyond the 2023-2024 fiscal year, approved funds may be carried over with departmental approval. The Participant Funding Guide and Application form can be accessed on Board's registry (<https://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea1213-02>) under the recent documents section, or by contacting CIRNAC staff at the email below. Please send your application to aidefinancierparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca by **11:59 p.m. (EST) Thursday November 2, 2023**.

If you have any questions about the application forms, eligibility, timing or expense details, please contact CIRNAC staff at aidefinancierparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

An application review committee independent of the Board will consider all applications and recommend allocation of funds to applicants according to eligibility criteria specified in the Participant Funding Guide. CIRNAC will provide all successful applicants with a funding agreement with CIRNAC, under which expenditures may be subject to audit.

The Proposed Project

The GNWT proposes to construct an all weather gravel highway up the Mackenzie Valley from Wrigley to Norman Wells. The route mostly follows the existing winter road and is



approximately 321 kilometers. Bridges for the all-season route have already been constructed, except for the Bear River bridge. This bridge is already permitted and licensed separately. The proposed project is subject to an environmental assessment by the MVEIRB. Further information regarding this environmental assessment can be found on the MVEIRB's public registry at <https://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea1213-02>.

