

South East Area

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Mr. Bob MacGregor:

The AMNSIS South East Area Board wish to advise the NEDP of our intentions regarding a submission to your program's Element II; Community Based Economic Development. We are currently working with the AMNSIS Economic Development Fieldworker Program in preparing a comprehensive proposal to the NEDP.

We are advised by Mr. Gerry Gallant, who is working with us on our submission that the NEDP are finalizing the criteria and delivery mechanism for Element II, and that we should inform you that we wish to be considered for the program.

May this letter serve as our notice of intent. Please advise us of your submission requirements, and the process the NEDP are proposing regarding detailed submissions on Element II projects.

Attached is some background information about the South East Area and it's economic development plans.

Sincerely,

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Area Director/S.E.Area/AMNSIS

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SOUTH EAST AREA

ASSOCIATION OF METIS & NON-STATUS INDIANS OF SASKATCHEWAN

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

The South East Area of A.M.N.S.I.S. geographically covers a large land mass in the southeastern portion of the province. It extends from Punnichy and Lestock in the northwest corner to Moosomin in the east and Estevan at the extreme south.

The Area is made up of 13 Locals located throughout the south east, including:

Abernethy, Balcarres, Estevan, Fort Qu'Appelle, Indian Head, Lebret, Lestock, Moosomin, Punnichy, Qu'Appelle, Rocanville, Sintaluta, Welwyn/Wapella.

Fort Qu'Appelle is the Area's central office location with a number of social and economic programs initiated and managed from this office. These programs operate under the overall jurisdiction of the Area Board which has equal representation from each Local. These programs are designed to involve each Local and the AMNSIS membership of the Area. In 1984/85, the programs that the South East Area have underway include:

Kapechee Centre - training programs in small business management and firefighting

Job/Career Access - worker placement program funded by CEIC

Parent Aid Program - an in-home child care counselling program for parents

Canada Works - an employment program in housing renovations and community improvement works

Section 38 Employment - a recently completed employment program to be reinstated

Social Services EDP - an employment program in application process

Native Development Corporation - in planning stages

Native Development Museum - in planning stages.

In the past year, the work by the Area Board and staff has resulted in over 178 people involved in either training or employment-related activities with over \$1 Million in financial resources brought into the Area. The following table details this activity.

AMNSIS SOUTH EAST AREA ACTIVITY 1984-85

<u>Program</u>	<u># of People</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Kapachee Core	3	\$ 60,000
Section 38	31	268,065
Social Services	19	110,000
Firemans	9	104,000
Business Management	28	293,000
NSIM (ended March 1984) upgrade	60	(375,000 82-3) 360,000
Kapachee Souvenirs	5	39,000
Fort Qu'Appelle Youth Program	6	13,000
Punnichy Renovations	6	20,000
Career Access	4	100,000
Parent Aide	4	25,000
Punnichy Summer Youth	<u>3</u>	<u>8,000</u>
	178	\$1,400,065

The Area Board, while working on a variety of social and education training programs, have also over the years undertook economic development planning activities that are beginning to evolve into potential, long-term opportunities that need to be investigated, developed, and implemented.

2. SOUTH EAST AREA PRIORITIES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The South East Area has developed an effective organizational model that initiates, develops, and administers programs and services to the A.M.N.S.I.S. membership in the Area. An integral part of the organizational framework is an economic development corporation that is designed to function as the overall economic and business development arm of the Area. It is the Valley Native Development Corporation that the Area Board has designated will work directly on developing economic development opportunities.

A number of initiatives have already been identified by the Development Corporation. These will be actively pursued in an integrated fashion with priorities established to ensure effective management of limited resources of time and money.

The projects identified are described here:

2.1 DEVELOPMENTAL PLANNING FOR THE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Valley Development Corporation, being the main economic vehicle of A.M.N.S.I.S.'s South East's economic development initiatives must design a developmental process that will ensure the corporation's management and financial stability in meeting long-term economic self-sufficiency goals.

In this regard, plans and proposals will be prepared that will incorporate the following elements:

2.1.1 Corporate Development Strategy

a) Articulate goals and objectives in seeking opportunities to generate income and employment.

- b) Develop a mandate for the corporation.
- c) Prepare an organizational and operational plan and express it in the form of a corporate strategy.
- d) Identify major resources (financial and human) required to implement the operational aspects of the Development Corporation.
- e) Prepare appropriate financial assistance proposals to fund the plans implementation.

2.1.2 Business/Economic Opportunity Identification and Development Plan

a) Lebret Metis Farm and Lestock Metis Farm

In conjunction with the AMNSIS Land Commission recently established, coordinate South East Area inputs, particularly where they relate to the economic development and management aspects of these farms.

b) South East Area Museum

Work with the Museum Committee in planning the development and operations of this proposed establishment, particularly where it relates to economic development opportunities.

c) Community/Local-Based Small Business Opportunity Identification Planning and Implementation

d) Individual Opportunity Identification and Development

3. SNEDCO/FIELDWORKER/SOUTH EAST AREA COMMUNICATIONS

Recognizing the need for a close relationship between SNEDCO and the AMNSIS Fieldworker Program and the South East Area, it is important to establish a communication/consultation process that will ensure a full understanding of SNEDCO, and Fieldworker activities by the Area Board and staff, as well as the Locals.

It is proposed that direct communication, reporting, and liaison be with the South East Area Board and the Area Director, Nap LaFontaine. The President of the Valley Development Corporation will also be a key individual to keep in touch with during this planning process.

Local Presidents, and members of A.M.N.S.I.S. throughout the Area, will be contacted where possible.

Ongoing communication will be channelled through the Area Office in Fort Qu'Appelle.