
Resource Expo 2006

SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL



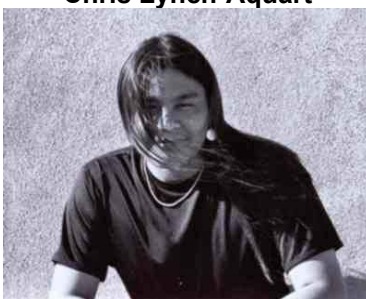
"Bringing Down the Northern Lights"

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COVER ARTWORK

“Bringing Down the Northern Lights” was provided by the internationally acclaimed artist of the Dene Tha of the Cold Lake First Nations in Alberta, **Chris Lynch-Aquart**



(<http://www.canartscene.com/artistsdetail.asp?record=2186&start=0&count=3>).

Chris believes that “Art is a window into the spiritual realm.”

His' paintings combine striking colors to tell a story of medicine people and express the hidden messages found in ancient legends. With a style developed from modern influences, many of his contemporary portraits capture the strong expressions from the windows of the soul, while his abstract works represent spiritual ceremonies. Dene Tha of the Cold Lake First Nations in Alberta, his work invokes our memories of distant times and places while his colors affect us in ways that are not always directly obvious.

This artwork is used to invoke the modern ascension of Aboriginal people in the business world.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

RESOURCE EXPO 2006 is the 6th annual national forum intended to bring all players in the natural resource development industry together with Aboriginal Canada. We are pleased to announce that once again CTV National, Inc. will be our national electronic media sponsor.

RESOURCE EXPO 2006 is a two day event scheduled for **Wednesday and Thursday, November 22 and 23, 2006** , at the **Westin Calgary Hotel**, Calgary Alberta, and consists of a:

- Conference;
- Trade Show; and
- Gala Dinner.

The event builds on the huge success from last year, in Vancouver, that featured high profile participants such as the Governor of Alaska, the Honourable Frank H. Murkowski; the Honourable Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy & Mines, Province of BC; the Premier of the Yukon Territories, the Honourable Dennis Fentie; the Premier, Government of NWT; the Honourable Joseph Handley; the Premier of Nunavut, the Honourable Paul Okalik; Sett Policicchio, President, ATCO Electric; John Furlong, CEO Vancouver Organizing committee for 2010 Olympic Games; Pierre Alvarez, President of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers; and Dave Tuccaro, President of the National Aboriginal Business Association.

The **NEXUS '06** trade show will once again exhibit the resource industry as well as those interested in Aboriginal business. The trade show is open to all businesses--large and small.

RESOURCE EXPO 2006 will focus on the booming natural resource development in Canada that is taking place within the traditional territories of Aboriginal peoples - this at a time when legal decisions require real consultation, and accommodation of their interests. The conference will focus on the oil sands developments & the heightened international interest in this resource, new directions in alternative energy, northern development, new major mining projects, and pipeline updates.

Aboriginal Canadians have an unprecedented opportunity to forge a new era of self-reliance from this dynamic period of growth and expansion. **RESOURCE EXPO 2006** will examine this new challenge and how a more constructive climate of cooperation, win/win agreements and business deals might be created.

The largest most high-profile Aboriginal resource event in the country will once again bring together the resource development industry and Aboriginal players to network, share information, exchange views, and examine the new reality of opportunities. The conference provides an opportunity to learn about the issues, concerns, and how to create win/win projects. In particular, the agenda for the event features the highest profile Aboriginal, business/industry and government leaders.

Enjoy the interaction and enthusiasm of a trade show mixed with Aboriginal cultural and contemporary performers. Celebrate the successes and milestones of the resource development industry at the gala event dinner.

2.0 TARGET POPULATIONS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE

The following target populations in North America will be requested to participate as speakers or delegates at the event:

- Those interested in Aboriginal business development and opportunities;
- Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal resource development corporations and organizations;
- All mining, forestry and energy businesses including:
 - Mining and forestry companies and support industries;
 - Oil and gas producers;
 - Energy service and supply companies;
 - Pipeline companies;
 - Electricity generation and transmission companies; and
 - Midstream companies;
 - Alternative energy producers in areas of wind, hydro, ocean, and biofuels;
- Community, regional and national Aboriginal, government, and industry leadership including:
 - Governmental and regulatory bodies;
 - Aboriginal groups and associations;
- Natural Resources, Energy, and Land Claims focused on law, accounting, engineering, and consulting firms.

3.0 THE BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUAL/ANNUAL NITA SPONSORSHIP

3.1 TARGET THE ABORIGINAL MARKET

Charles Coffey, Executive Vice President, Government and Community Affairs of the Royal Bank of Canada comments that:

*I am well aware that in many businesses people don't always grasp the business benefits of relations with Aboriginal people and communities. For the bank, the business benefits are clear. **We see a significant and expanding market opportunity.** The rapid increases in the Aboriginal population represent new customers. Land claims represent increased economic and financial clout of Aboriginal peoples and communities. The Aboriginal business sector—which has grown at a dramatic rate in recent years and is steadily moving the Aboriginal population towards economic self-sufficiency—is generating wealth and creating jobs.¹ [emphasis added]*

¹ See “Strengthening Aboriginal Participation in the Economy”, Report of Working Group on Aboriginal Participation in the Economy to Federal-Provincial/ Territorial Ministers Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs and National Aboriginal Leaders, May 11, 2001 at p. 13 or at

[http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/abdt/lookups/graphics.nsf/vDownload/fptaabopartreportfinalenglish.pdf/\\$file/fptaabopartreportfinalenglish.pdf](http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/abdt/lookups/graphics.nsf/vDownload/fptaabopartreportfinalenglish.pdf/$file/fptaabopartreportfinalenglish.pdf)

A recent report of the Conference Board of Canada, titled “Creating Value through Corporate-Aboriginal Economic Relationship” makes clear that there is significant potential in this area. Particularly, there is substantial opportunity for companies to derive business benefits and enhanced ability to innovate and create competitive advantage through the economic engagement of Aboriginal people as potential business partners, local suppliers, skilled workers and customers. The report also warns that “At the same time, corporations ignore the economic potential of Aboriginal people at their own peril.”² Another corporate leader, Cameron Hyde, President and CEO, Xerox Canada, has commented further that:

*At Xerox Canada, we believe that supporting the Aboriginal community is both a moral imperative and a business advantage.*³

In some very real sense, the timely development of the enormous natural resources in Canada rests in the hands of Aboriginal people. Recent court decisions require very detailed and formal consultation with regional Aboriginal communities from government and industry before major resource developments can take place. There are massive potential developments in western and northern Canada in terms of energy, minerals, and forestry. There is a huge corporate and government interest in ensuring that the Aboriginal communities are involved and continue to evolve. Francois Fleury, Director General, Inmet Mining Corporation-Troilus Division, sums the new reality this way:

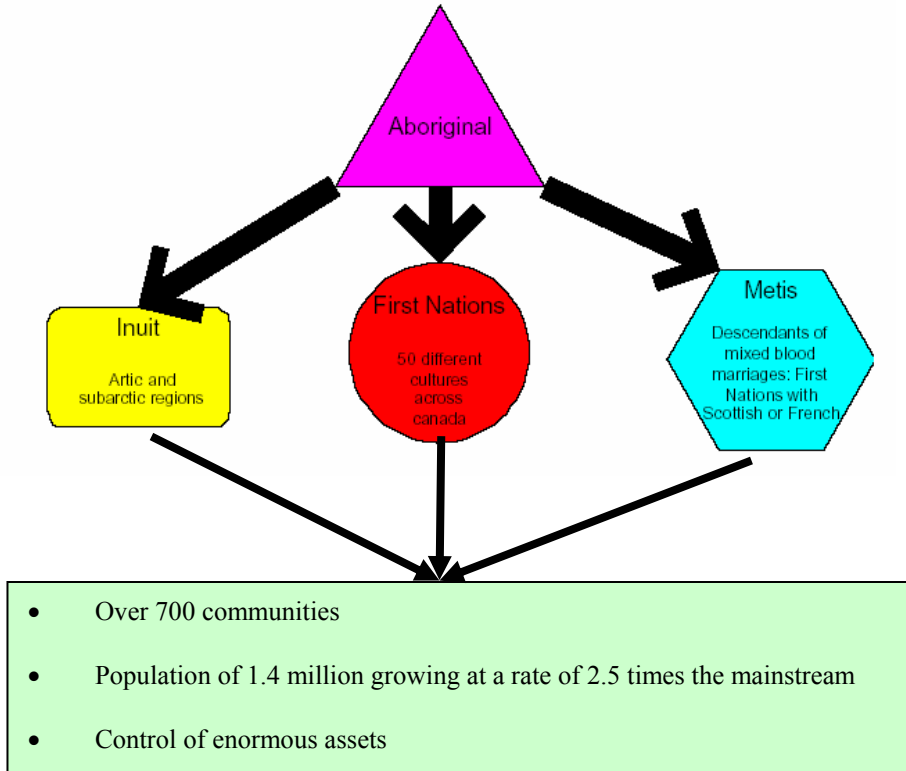
*Remember that most of the deposits we are discovering today are in the north, in Aboriginal territory. One major advantage of having them as partners is that it makes it easier to gain acceptance for the project from all community and government stakeholders, and we make friends instead of enemies...They bring an available workforce since they already live there and are proud to develop their region.*⁴

² See <http://www.conferenceboard.ca/aboriginal/pdf/332-01rptandinsert.pdf> at p. 1.

³ *Ibid*

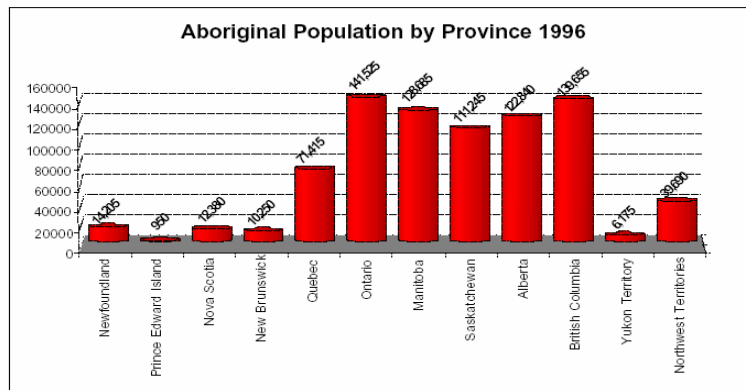
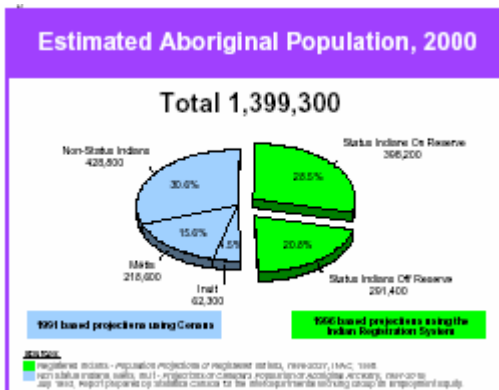
⁴ *Ibid* at p. 14.

The Opportunity



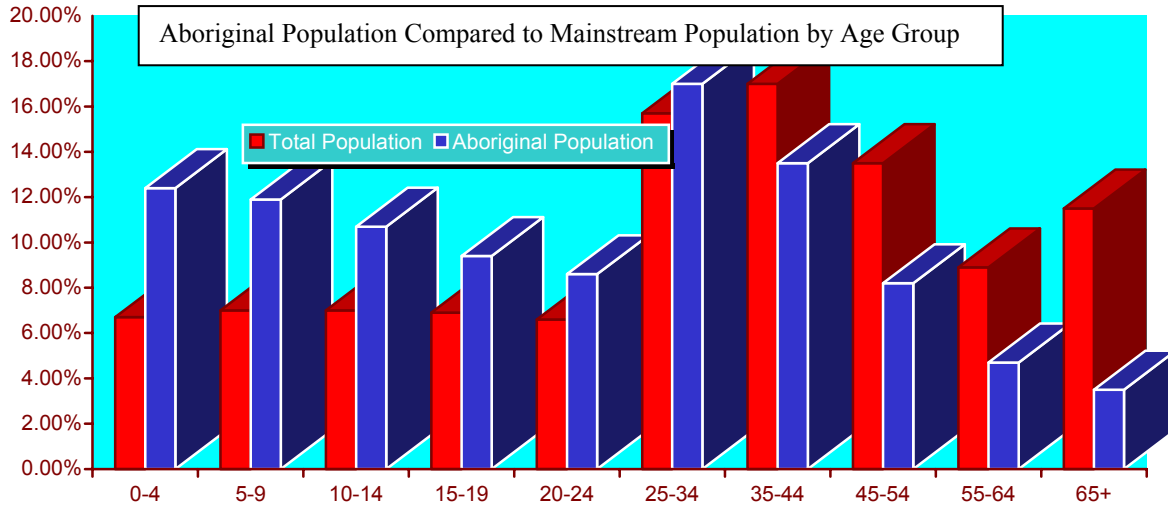
3.2 UNBELIEVABLE MARKET DEMOGRAPHICS

Current information indicates that the Aboriginal population in Canada exceeds 1.4 million⁵ and is the fastest growing with the working age population growing 3-5 times as fast as the mainstream population.

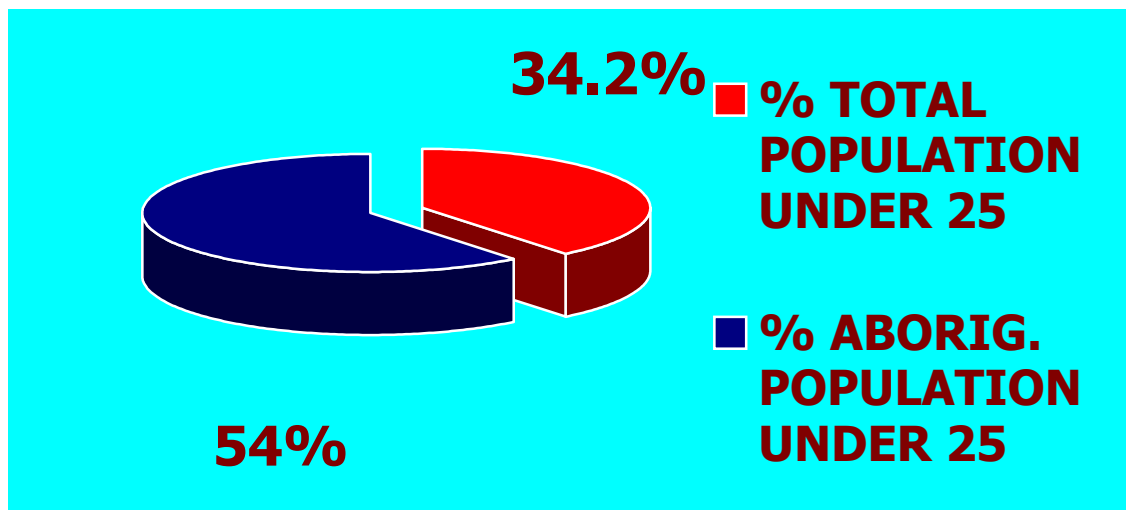


⁵ Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Circumpolar Commission, 2001-2002 Estimates: Part III- Report on Plans and Priorities, p. 4 (see: http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/est/rpp00_e.pdf)

With over 54% of the population under 25 years of age (compared to 34% for the mainstream), the growing middle class of Aboriginal baby boomers are eager for new challenges and opportunities.



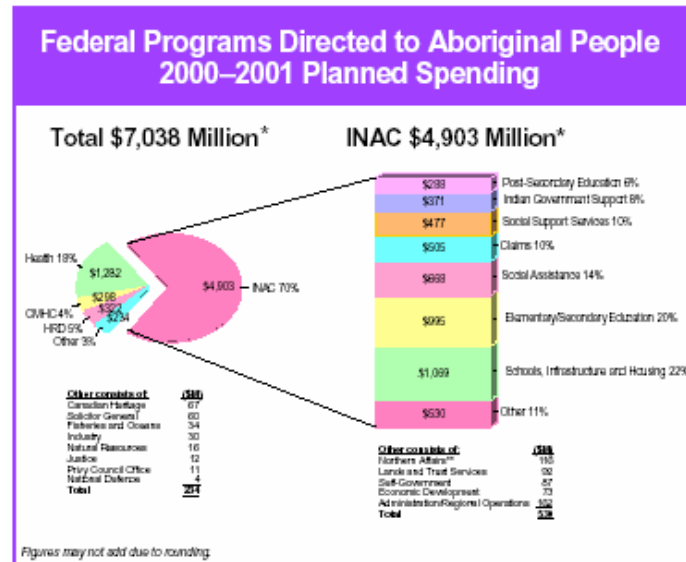
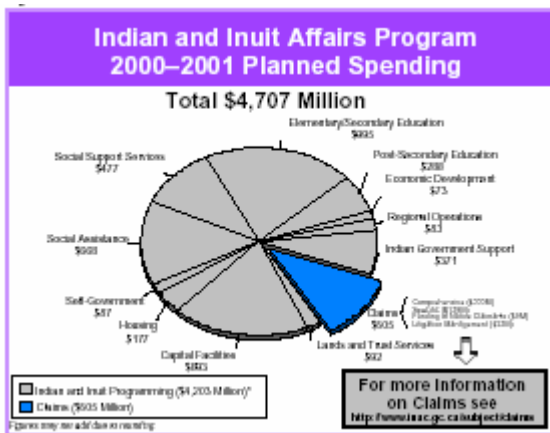
A further demographic development in mainstream society is oddly intersecting with the Aboriginal community and has some surprising implications for the Canadian economy. In less than 5 years it is estimated that Canada will lose approximately 3.0 million skilled members of its workforce. Several studies⁶ have already pointed out that the country will have to rely in part on the Aboriginal baby boomers to maintain a prosperous and competitive Canadian economy. The concerns are particularly pronounced in provinces such as Manitoba and Saskatchewan whose Aboriginal populations are projected to exceed 50% of the total population by 2050 (in the Yukon, Northwest, and Nunavut Territories, the Aboriginal population as a percentage of the total population is, according to the most recent statistics, 20.1%, 48.1%, and 83.9% respectively).



⁶ See: “Closing the Skills Gap: A Report of the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce –Skills Shortage Initiative”, pp. 10, 30 and 40 at http://www.bcchamber.org/pdf/20020424_skillsfinal.pdf; and *Supra* note 1 at pp. 4-6.

According to recent government statistics, the average individual Aboriginal income is \$17,809 and the total number of Aboriginals with this level of income is 701,160. This amounts to spending power of \$12.4 billion dollars annually. In addition, the total amount spent on Aboriginal programs and services by federal and provincial governments is \$7.3 billion (does not include transfers from provincial governments or self-generated revenues, e.g., treaty settlements, casinos)⁷.

As well, projections from the recent Royal Commission anticipate that approximately \$26 billion in revenue will be generated through Land Claims Entitlement by the year 2015.



Source: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Circumpolar Commission, 2001-2002 Estimates: Part III- Report on Plans and Priorities, p. 4 (see: http://www.aic-nac.gc.ca/pr/est/rpp00_e.pdf)

Source: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Circumpolar Commission, 2002-2004 Estimates: Part III- Report on Plans and Priorities, p. 4 (see: http://www.aic-nac.gc.ca/pr/est/rpp02_e.pdf)

⁷ The vast majority of these programs and services are delivered in partnership with First Nations, who now directly administer 85 percent of Indian and Inuit Affairs Program funds.

Additionally, 1981 and 1996 Census information reveals that there are 20,195 self-employed Aboriginal People in Canada – with an annual growth rate of 6.8%. This currently represents over 50,000 self-employed Aboriginals or businesses at present (based on that growth rate). Finally, since 1989, Aboriginal Business Canada investments have totaled \$388.7 million. These contributions have resulted in an overall total investment, from all sources, of \$1.1 billion in the Aboriginal business economy.

General Facts

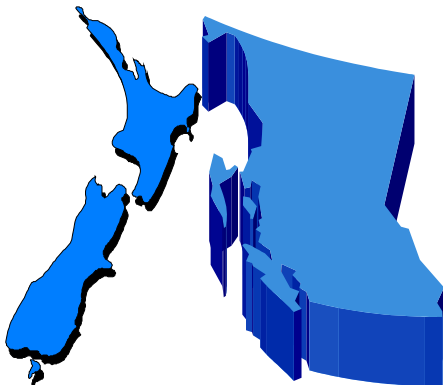
- **1.4 million** population growing at a rate 2.5 times the mainstream population
- **\$26 billion** in revenue will be generated through Land Claims Entitlement by the year 2015.
- **6.5 million** acres of reserve land
- **560 million** acres of land has or expected to pass to Aboriginal groups as treaties settled
- **\$7.3 billion+** public sector opportunity (**\$1.1 billion** annual infrastructure)
- **\$12.4 billion** spending power

General Aboriginal Business Facts

- **50,000+** Aboriginal businesses in Canada at present
- **6.8%** Annual Business Growth Rate
- **\$1.1 billion** total overall investment in the Aboriginal economy

Specific Business Facts

- **\$400+ million** generated by Aboriginal businesses in Ft. McMurray annually
- **\$3.5-5 billion** deal signed between Quebec and Quebec Cree recently
- Share of **\$100 million** annual profits from Casino Rama distributed to Ontario First Nations
- **Multi-billion dollar** pipeline route from Alaska likely to have substantial Aboriginal ownership
- **\$100 million** generated annually by Aboriginal businesses from the Ekati Diamond Mine alone (with several other major diamond mine projects soon to come on stream)



With the final settlement of all treaties, the land mass owned by Aboriginal people is expected to be approximately the size of the province of British Columbia. This area is almost 300% larger than that of New Zealand and represents a total land region larger than most countries in the world.

4.0 CORPORATE SPONSOR PHILOSOPHY

A relationship with NITA allows your marketing goals to be met through a carefully tailored program of publicity and recognition. Targeted exposure results in the successful marketing of sponsors to a focused audience at the largest and most prestigious Aboriginal business events in Canada. Sponsorship also enables NITA to keep conference registrations within financial reach of all those who wish to attend and allows a no-charge policy for everyone wishing to visit the trade shows.

NITA maintains a high-profile, positive and professional image. It maintains relationships at this level with all sponsors. Most sponsors have returned time after time.

5.0 HOW SPONSORING NITA EVENTS HELPS YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS AND REACH THE MARKET

- **DIRECT MAILOUT:** Your message and logo can reach over 20,000 names on NITA's database collected over 15 years of targeted activity.
- **DIRECT FAXOUT:** 10,000+faxout database—several event updates are sent out (the number depending on the scale of and the timeline of the event). These updates include prominent display of your logo and level of participation.
- **DIRECT EMAIL:** 5000+ EMAIL DATABASE—event updates are regularly sent out that include recognition of sponsors through prominent display of your logo and level of participation.
- **DIRECT CONTACT:** NITA has excellent personal connections—events sponsors are tastefully and professionally promoted by NITA's trained staff who have experience and knowledge relating directly to the Aboriginal market.
- **WEB SITE:** NITA's high traffic web site attracts literally thousands of eyeballs every month—your sponsorship logo remains on the web site for two years of continuous market exposure—the logo will link directly to the sponsor's website. Check out www.native-invest-trade.com and go to the conferences link and view the logos of the specific conference sponsors from past events.
- **EVENT DISTRIBUTION:** Your organizational or corporate materials can be included in NITA event conference packages and publications. All sponsors logos are prominently displayed on all event printed material including, conference packages, show guides, newspaper and magazine advertising (both national and regional Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal publications).
- **EVENT ELECTRONIC PROMOTION:** Sponsors are thanked through looped Power Point presentations that play to conference, trade show and gala dinner participants at key points during the event.
- **SPECIFIC EVENT RECOGNITION:** Sponsors are tactfully acknowledged at strategic points in events to full conference, trade show, and gala event audiences by conference Chairs and event MCs. For larger events, sponsors are presented gifts of appreciation acknowledging their generous contributions in front of event audiences. Larger sponsors also have the option of selecting key speaking times at events.

In short, sponsorship of NITA events allows your organization's marketing goals to be met most efficiently and professionally. Unparalleled exposure at the conference, tradeshow and gala dinner ensures that your name and logo will be seen associated with this prestigious event.

6.0 ABOUT NITA

NITA, formed in 1989, is an Aboriginal non-profit association dedicated to pursuing self-reliance through entrepreneurship (hence the motto of NITA “Investing in Self-Reliance”). NITA works towards creating a healthier climate between Aboriginal Canada and the business community by promoting mutual understanding through communication, partnerships and joint ventures. Since its inception, it has operated independent of any core government funding.

One of NITA’s main activities is producing Aboriginal conferences, forums, trade shows and business events across the nation. The association has produced almost 85 successful and rewarding national and international conferences, including eight trade shows. NITA also offers its conference planning expertise to corporations, Aboriginal organizations and to provincial and federal authorities that wish to communicate through business symposiums with Aboriginal Peoples. It also markets conference proceedings to interested organizations and libraries across North America. In its history, NITA has generated one of the most comprehensive libraries on Aboriginal business in Canada.

Through training and education, and by acting as facilitators between the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal business world, NITA provides guidance and advice to Aboriginal organizations across Canada. In particular, it works with organizations seeking to increase employment, business and related industrial opportunities.

Twenty thousand bands, firms, and individuals are on NITA’s database, participants from both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal meetings collected over its 16 year history. NITA holds several conferences, seminars and trade shows a year on a wide variety of Aboriginal matters including: law, tax, natural resources, human resources, finance, women's issues, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and geographical information systems. The events that NITA researches, coordinates, organizes and executes are in enormous demand from Aboriginal Canada, various levels of government, and corporate North America.

NITA has also identified the need for a comprehensive business directory for Aboriginal Canada and currently produces three widely used directories for B.C., the Prairies, and for Ontario. Plans are well underway towards completing a directory for Canada’s North, Quebec and the Maritimes. These directories are slated to be the first Aboriginal national directories to go online in Canada.

NITA is widely followed and respected in the Aboriginal community for providing an extremely valuable public service. NITA has signed cooperation agreements with the Assembly of First Nations and the National Aboriginal Business Association in an effort to coordinate efforts with other important national organizations, to be more efficient, to avoid duplication of services, and to have the greatest impact at the Aboriginal village and urban community level. It is also widely consulted by the non-Aboriginal community for information, suggestions, and advice for how and who to contact in Aboriginal community for numerous inquiries—inquiries that often lead to valuable opportunities and direct benefits for Aboriginal entrepreneurs and communities across Canada. Indispensable amounts of valuable information, ideas, and practical know how have been disseminated to the Aboriginal community by NITA. This service has provided real, practical assistance for Aboriginal peoples and communities aspiring to achieve self-reliance.

7.0 BUSINESS LOCATION

Native Investment and Trade Association will host the event. All correspondence should be directed as follows:

Native Investment & Trade Association

6520 Salish Drive, Vancouver

British Columbia, V6N 2C7

Telephone: (604) 275-6670

Toll Free Telephone: 1-800-337-7743

Fax: (604) 275-0307

E-Mail: mail@aboriginal-business.com

Internet: <http://www.native-invest-trade.com>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT CALVIN HELIN.

8.0 SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES

ORDER OF NITA
Total Event Exclusivity

Major Sponsors contributing a minimum of \$100,000 receive:

- Ten (10) tickets to the conference
- Six (6) booths at the trade show
- An opportunity to be both a keynote speaker, or Chair, and to introduce a keynote speaker
- Recognition from the conference chairs of sponsorship throughout the conference event
- Most prominent display of your name and logo on all printed matter, including conference brochure mailout and faxouts (approximately 60,000 pieces), electronic display of your logo in all main conference areas, trade show areas, advertisements (electronic print), hall banners in meeting room and exhibit area
- A full-page advertisement in a preferred cover location in the show guide & Conference Manual published document
- Advertisement of your corporate logo on event television advertisements
- Listing of logo on NITA website with direct link from logo to sponsor's website
- Recognition as a full sponsor at the Order of NITA level at all NITA events within one year of the event being sponsored initially (but specific benefits relating to complimentary conference and trade show passes apply to first event only).
- Event exclusivity
- A table at the Gala Dinner & Dance. 10 persons per table (assuming a gala dinner is featured in the event).

THE DIAMOND EAGLE
Major Event Prominence

Major Sponsors contributing a minimum of \$50,000 receive:

- Six (6) tickets to the conference
- Four (4) booths at the trade show
- An opportunity to be a keynote speaker or to introduce a keynote speaker
- Recognition from the conference chairs of sponsorship throughout the conference event
- Prominent display of your name and logo on all printed matter, including conference brochure mailout and faxouts (approximately 60,000 pieces), electronic display of your logo in all main conference areas, trade show areas, advertisements (electronic print), hall banners in meeting room and exhibit area
- A full-page advertisement in a preferred location in the show guide & Conference Manual published document
- Advertisement of your corporate logo on event television advertisements
- Listing of logo on NITA website with direct link from logo to sponsor's website
- A table at the Gala Dinner & Dance. 10 persons per table (assuming a gala dinner is featured in the event).

THE PLATINUM EAGLE
The height of visibility

Major Sponsors contributing a minimum of \$25,000 receive:

- Three (3) tickets to the conference
- Two (2) booths at the trade show
- An opportunity to be a speaker or to introduce a speaker
- Recognition from the conference chairs of sponsorship throughout the conference event
- Prominent display of your name and logo on all printed matter
- A full-page advertisement in the Conference Manual published document and in the show guide
- Advertisement of your corporate logo on event television advertisements
- Listing of logo on NITA website with direct link from logo to sponsor's website
- A table at the Gala Dinner & Dance. 10 persons per table (assuming a gala dinner is featured in the event).

THE GOLD EAGLE **A prestigious statement**

Companies contributing a minimum of \$10,000 receive:

- Two (2) tickets to the conference
- One (1) booth at the trade show
- Recognition from the conference chairs of sponsorship throughout the conference event
- Prominent display of your name and logo on all printed matter
- Listing of logo on NITA website with direct link from logo to sponsor's website
- A full-page advertisement in the Conference Manual published document and in the show guide
- Four (4) tickets to the Gala Dinner & Dance (assuming a gala dinner is featured in the event).

THE SILVER EAGLE **A step above**

Companies contributing a minimum of \$5,000 receive:

- One (1) ticket to the conference
- One (1) booth at the trade show
- Recognition from the conference chairs of sponsorship throughout the conference event
- Prominent display of your name and/or logo on all printed matter
- Listing of logo on NITA website with direct link from logo to sponsor's website
- Logo in the Conference Manual published document and in the show guide
- Two (2) tickets to the Gala Dinner & Dance (assuming a gala dinner is featured in the event).

THE BRONZE EAGLE A welcome supporter

Companies contributing a minimum of \$2,500 receive:

- Two (2) tickets to the conference, which will be allocated at the discretion of NITA to elders and students unable to fund their own registration, or to anyone nominated by the sponsor, or one (1) booth at the trade show for a deserving Aboriginal non-profit organization, institution or exhibitor unable to fund a booth
- Recognition from the conference chairs of sponsorship throughout the conference event
- Logo in the Conference Manual published document and in the show guide

FRIEND OF NITA

Companies contributing under \$2,500 receive:

- Recognition from the conference chairs of sponsorship throughout the conference event
- Logo in both the Conference Manual published document and in the show guide

MEDIA EAGLE

Company offering exclusive advertising and coverage:

- Four media passes to the conference
- Four (4) tickets to the Gala Dinner & Dance
- Prominent display of your name and/or logo on all printed matter
- Recognition from the conference chairs of sponsorship throughout the conference event
- Listing of logo on NITA website with direct link from logo to sponsor's website
- A full-page advertisement in both the Conference Manual published document and in the show guide

**** "Financial and in-kind contributions"** must be confirmed in writing prior to material going to the printers.

9.0 Sponsorship Reservation Form

Please complete the following information (Refer to list of sponsorship categories.):

- 1. **THE ORDER OF NITA - \$100,000.00 – Total Event exclusivity**
Contribution amount: _____
- 2. **THE DIAMOND EAGLE - \$50,000.00 - Major Event Prominence**
Contribution amount: _____
- 3. **THE PLATINUM EAGLE - \$25,000.00 - The height of visibility**
Contribution amount: _____
- 4. **THE GOLD EAGLE - \$10,000.00 - A prestigious statement**
Contribution amount: _____
- 5. **THE SILVER EAGLE - \$5,000.00 - A step above**
Contribution amount: _____
- 6. **THE BRONZE EAGLE - \$2,500.00 - A welcomed supporter**
Contribution amount: _____
- 7. **FRIEND OF NITA – Under \$2,500.00 Contribution amount:** _____
- 8. **MEDIA EAGLE:** _____

Please print or type:

Company/Agency name: _____
 Contact person: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone no: _____ Fax no: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirmation of sponsorship will be issued upon receipt of your contribution. We value the support you are able to give and with your help the Conference will be a great success. Please return this reservation form, together with payment, to:

NATIVE INVESTMENT & TRADE ASSOCIATION
 6520 Salish Drive, Vancouver
 British Columbia, V6N 2C7
Telephone: (604) 275-6670 **Fax:** (604) 275-0307
Toll Free Telephone: 1-800-337-7743
E-Mail: mail@aboriginal-business.com
Internet: <http://www.native-invest-trade.com>

10.0 PAST CONFERENCES WITH SPONSORS

2005		2004	Nexus Tech 2004, Vancouver, British Columbia
November	<p>RESOURCE EXPO 2005: ABORIGINAL ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, Vancouver, BC</p> <p><i>Co-Hosts</i> Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association <i>Diamond Eagle</i> ATCO Group AKITA Drilling Ltd <i>Platinum Eagle</i> The Globe & Mail CTV National Inc. <i>Gold Eagle</i> Western Standard Canadian North Airlines <i>Silver Eagle</i> Natural Resources Canada Canadian Natural Western Economic Diversification Nexen TRAVERS RBC Financial Group Taiga Communications Inc. <i>Bronze Eagle</i> Suncor Energy Finning Canadian Diamonds Far North Oil & Gas Business in Vancouver Encana Resource World Magazine</p>	November	<p>RESOURCE EXPO 2003: ABORIGINAL ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, Calgary, Alberta.</p> <p><i>Co-Hosts</i> Indian Resources Council Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers National Aboriginal Business Association Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association <i>Diamond Eagle</i> ATCO Group AKITA Drilling Ltd <i>Gold Eagle</i> Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Tuccaro Inc. ImagiNATION Cards Canadian North Airlines NeeganIPS Enbridge Suncor Energy Calgary Aboriginal Awareness Society <i>Silver Eagle</i> RBC Financial Group Canadian Energy Pipeline Association SNAG Records Objectified Software TRAVERS <i>Bronze Eagle</i> Sea Breeze Power Corp. Finning</p>
2004		2003	Nexus Tech 2003, Vancouver, British Columbia
November	<p>RESOURCE EXPO 2004: ABORIGINAL ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, Vancouver, BC</p> <p><i>Co-Hosts</i> Indian Resources Council Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers National Aboriginal Business Association Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association <i>Diamond Eagle</i> ATCO Group AKITA Drilling Ltd <i>Platinum Eagle</i> The Globe & Mail <i>Silver Eagle</i> Canadian North Airlines Natural Resources Canada Indian and Northern Affairs Canada TRAVERS Western Lakota Energy Services Inc RBC Financial Group Syncrude BDO Dunwoody LLP <i>Bronze Eagle</i> Suncor Energy Finning Western Economic Diversification Canadian Diamonds Far North Oil & Gas Business in Vancouver Encana K&M Tobacco Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Inc Sky Spirit Studio Alliance Pipeline</p>	March	<p>Western Aboriginal Business Summit 2003, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</p> <p><i>Co-Hosts</i> Alberta British Columbia Saskatchewan Manitoba Yukon Territory Northwest Territories Nunavut Territory National Aboriginal Business Association Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations <i>Order of NITA</i> Privy Council Office Indian and Northern Affairs Canada <i>Diamond Eagle (Group Sponsorship)</i> INterLink Partnership Alternet Systems Inc. Hewlett-Packard Canada, Glenbriar Technologies Inc. Telesat <i>Platinum Eagle</i> Industry Canada Western Economic Diversification <i>Silver Eagle</i> RBC Financial Group Cameco Alliance Pipelines Clarence Campeau Development Fund</p>

Objectified Software
 Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat
 Weyerhaeuser
 Human Resource Development Canada

Diamond Eagle
 Trec International Inc.
Silver Eagle
 Western Investor Magazine
 Craig Nixon Law Corporation

2002

December **RESOURCE EXPO 2002: ABORIGINAL ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**, Calgary, Alberta.

Co-Hosts
 Indian Resources Council
 Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
 National Aboriginal Business Association
 Mining Association of Canada
Diamond Eagle
 INterLink Partnership (includes includes AI Systems Group, Hewlett-Packard Canada, Intel Corp., Glenbriar Technologies Inc. and Infosat)
Platinum Eaglez
 Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
Gold Eagle
 Petro-Canada
Silver Eagle
 Petro Canada
 Tuccaro Inc.
 Praxis Technical Group, Inc
 Suncor Energy
 Praxis Technical Group, Inc
 Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.
 Natural Resources Canada
 Canada North Airlines
Bronze Eagle
 Alliance Pipeline
 El Paso Canada Inc.

November **Aboriginal Law & Taxation 2002**
 Native Investment & Trade Association

July **AFN-NEXUS 2002**, Kahnawake Mohawk Territory, PQ
Diamond Eagle
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 Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC)
 Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
Gold Eagle:
 Casino Rama
 Scotiabank
Silver Eagle:
 Siksika Resources Development Corporation
 CEPA – Canadian Energy Petroleum Association
 RBC - Royal Bank
 Hotel Wyndham Montreal
Media Eagle:
 CTV
 SAY Magazine
 Taiga Communciations Inc,

May **BUSINESS LEADERS FOR WOMEN**, Vancouver, B.C.
Gold Eagle
 Inudstry Canada – Aboriginal Business Canada
 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Silver Eagle
 The Vancouver Sun
 RBC – Royal Bank
 Western Economic Diversification
 Province of British Columbia

May **ABORIGINAL REAL ESTATE AND RESORT DEVELOPMENT**, Vancouver, B.C.

March **ABORIGINAL ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**, Vancouver, B.C.

Diamond Eagle
 Tuccaro Inc.
Platinum Eaglez
 Praxis Technical Group, Inc.
 BHP Billiton
Gold Eagle
 Petro-Canada
Silver Eagle
 Suncor Energy
 National Aboriginal Business Association
 Syncrude Canada Ltd.
 Borden Ladner Gervais
 Canadian Energy Pipeline Association

2001

September **ABORIGINAL HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**, Winnipeg, MB

Gold Eagle:
 Ministry of Education, Training & Youth (MB)
Silver Eagle:
 Bank of Montreal
 Ministry of Advanced Education & Training (MB)
 Manitoba Hydro
 Ministry of Industry, Trades & Mines
 PlacerDome Canada
 TransCanada

Bronze Eagle:
 Ledcor Industries
 Western Economic Diversification
 Aboriginal Affairs

Media Eagle:
 Bear Country

Supporters:
 Partners for Careers

July **AFN-NEXUS 2001**, Halifax, NS

Order of Nexus:
 Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC)
 Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

Platinum Eagle:
 ACOA (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency)
 Sixdion

Gold Eagle:
 Casino Rama
 CEPA
 IndBUSINESS.NET
 Scotiabank
 Syncrude Canada Inc.
 TREC International Inc.
 The Booking House

Silver Eagle:
 Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
 Office of Aboriginal Affairs - Nova Scotia
 Peace Hills Trust
 Royal Bank

Bronze Eagle:
 Sable Offshore Energy

Media Eagle:
 Aboriginal Times
 CTV
 Taiga



April The Globe & Mail
Aboriginal Financial & Commercial Management
 Native Investment & Trade Association
 February **Aboriginal Taxation in Canada 2001**
 KPMG
 Native Investment & Trade Association
 January **Aboriginal Law in Canada 2001**
 Native Investment & Trade Association

2000
 December **Aboriginal Resource Management 2000**
 Human Resources Development Canada
 Western Economic Development
 Weyerhaeuser

October **Aboriginal Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada 2000**
 Aboriginal Business Canada
 Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada
 BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Fisheries
 Western Economic Diversification Canada

October **Aboriginal Women in Business & Politics 2000**
 Aboriginal Business Canada
 Deloitte & Touche
 Indian Affairs & Northern Development Canada
 Western Economic Diversification Canada

July **AFN-NEXUS 2000**
 Assembly of First Nations
 Native Investment & Trade Association

Media Eagle:
 Aboriginal People's Television Network
 Cree-active Media
 CTV
 Taiga
 The Globe & Mail

Order of Nexus:
 Aboriginal Business Canada
 Indian & Northern Affairs Canada

Diamond Eagle:
 Donna Cona Ltd.

Platinum Eagle:
 Defence Canada
 IndBUSINESS.NET
 Scotiabank

Gold Eagle:
 Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
 Casino Rama
 CEPA
 Syncrude
 TREC International Inc.

March **Impact of the First Nations Land Mgt. Act**
 Native Investment & Trade Association
 March **Aboriginal Economic Development In the New The Millennium**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association

1999
 December **Aboriginal Taxation in Canada**, Toronto, ON
 KPMG
 Royal Trust
 November **Aboriginal Law in Canada'99**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association
 July **AFN-NEXUS'99**, Vancouver, BC

Media Eagle:
 Business In Vancouver
 CTV
 Indian Country Today
 National Post
 Taiga Communications Inc

Diamond Eagle:
 Aboriginal Business Canada

Cree Construction and Development Corporation
 DANKA
 Fournier Communications Art
 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
 National Aboriginal Business Association
Platinum Eagle:
 Aboriginal Global Investment Management Ltd
 Helin Fine Arts Inc
 Hiwus Feasthouse

Gold Eagle:
 Alliance Pipeline
 Canadian Energy Pipeline Association
 Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
 Casino Rama
 CESO Aboriginal Services
 Donna Cona
 Economic Development Corporation
 Export Development Corp – Small Business Services
 Global Aboriginal Travel Inc
 HSBC
 KPMG
 Ministry of Small Business, Tourism & Culture (BC)
 TREC International Inc
 Western Economic Diversification Canada
 Weyerhaeuser Canada

Silver Eagle:
 Aboriginal Times
 Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business
 Mobil Oil Canada
 National Aboriginal Forestry Association
 Natural Resources Canada
 Petro-Canada
 Rocky Mountaineer Railtours
 Scotiabank / ScotiaMcLeod
 SNC-Lavalin
 Syncrude
 Westcoast Strategic Planning Inc

March **Aboriginal Agriculture & Agri-Food 1999**, Vancouver, BC
 Aboriginal Business Canada
 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
 BC Hydro
 BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food
 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

February **Aboriginal Canada Construction Expo '99**, Calgary, AB
 Alliance Pipeline
 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
 National Aboriginal Business Association

1998
 October **Aboriginal Oil and Gas Taxation**, Calgary, AB
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 Howard Mackie
 KPMG

October **Aboriginal Women's Business Conference**, Ottawa, ON
 Aboriginal Business Canada
 Anishinabek News
 Casino Rama
 CIBC
 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
 Native Women's Association of Canada
 Ontario Hydro
 Royal Bank of Canada

June **The Future of Aboriginal Aquaculture in Canada**, Van., BC
 Aboriginal Business Canada
 BC Salmon Farmers Association
 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
 Western Economic Diversification Canada

May **Aboriginal Taxation in Canada**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc



April Deloitte & Touche
Aboriginal Law in Canada, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

April **GIS Revitalizing Traditional Native Culture with Geographical Information Systems**, Toronto, ON
 Geomatics Canada

March **Aboriginal Arts & Crafts**, Vancouver, BC
 Aboriginal Business Canada
 Industry Canada

March **Central Interior Aboriginal Business**, Kamloops, BC
 Community Futures Development Corporation
 Western Economic Diversification Canada

January **Aboriginal Taxation in Canada**, Toronto, ON
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 KPMG
 Royal Trust Corporation of Canada

1997

November **Nexus APEC '97 Global Indigenous Business**, N. Van. BC
 Aboriginal Business Canada
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
 Industry Canada
 Ministry of Small Business, Tourism & Culture
 Royal Bank of Canada
 Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority
 Sixdion Inc
 Western Economic Diversification Canada

October **First Nations Women's Business Conference**, N. Van. BC
 Aboriginal Business Canada
 CANDO
 Deloitte & Touche
 Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council
 Ministry of Small Business, Tourism of BC
 Ministry of Women's Equality
 Native Women's Association of Canada
 O'Neil Marketing & Consulting
 Ontario Native Women's Association
 Royal Bank of Canada
 The First Perspective
 West Coast Energy Inc
 Women's Enterprise Centre

June **Financing Aboriginal Nations in the Next Millenium**, Vancouver, BC
 CIBC

April **Aboriginal Forestry in Canada**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 Deloitte & Touche
 National Aboriginal Forestry Association

February **GIS Revitalizing Traditional Native Culture with Geographical Information Systems**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

January **Aboriginal Taxation in Canada**, Vancouver, BC
 KPMG
 Royal Trust Corporation of Canada

1996

December **Report - Royal Commission on Aboriginal People**, Toronto, ON
 Native Investment & Trade Association

December **Report - Royal Commission on Aboriginal People**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association

November **Creatively Developing Aboriginal Lands**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

November **Report - Royal Commission on Aboriginal People**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association

October **Nexus '96 Aboriginal Business in Canada, The New Reality**, Calgary, AB
 Aboriginal Business Canada
 Bank of Montreal
 Calgary Herald
 Canadian Pacific Railway Company
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 CFCN Channel 3
 CIBC
 Cree-Ative Media (1999) Inc
 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
 Petro-Canada
 Queneesh Studios Incorporated
 Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA)
 Weldwood of Canada Ltd
 Western Economic Diversification Canada

September **Aboriginal Law in Canada**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

June **Financing Aboriginal Canada in the Next Millennium, Contemporary Challenges and Solutions**, Toronto, ON
 Native Investment & Trade Association

May **The Future of Aboriginal Gaming in Canada**, Regina, SK
 Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA)
 Sodak Gaming

March **Indigenous Peoples: Rights, Lands, Resources, Autonomy**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 Deloitte & Touche
 Minolta
 Price Waterhouse
 UBC - Faculty of Law

February **Aboriginal Forestry, Dynamic Strategies, Emerging Issues**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 Forest Renewal BC
 National Aboriginal Forestry Association

January **Aboriginal Taxation in Canada**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 CIBC
 KPMG

1995

November **Aboriginal Canada Construction - Expo '95**, Calgary, AB
 CANDO
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

October **Manufacturing on Aboriginal Lands**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 Price Waterhouse

September **Understanding Media, Effectively Communicating the Vision of Aboriginal Canada**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

June **Financing the Aboriginal Economy in the 21st Century**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 CIBC

June **Ab'Art '95 First Nations Arts**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc
 Ministry of Small Business, Tourism & Culture

May **Aboriginal Law in Canada**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

January **First Nations Tourism & Resort Development**, Vancouver, BC
 Canadian National Aboriginal Tourism Association
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

1994

November **Nexus '94 North America, Investing In Self-Reliance**, Vancouver, BC



Aboriginal Business Canada
 Arrowfax Canada Inc
 Canadian Airlines International
 CIBC
 Eagle Aerie Gallery
 Ferguson Gifford's First Nations Law Group
 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
 Ministry of Employment & Business
 Pitney Bowes
 Price Waterhouse
 Province of British Columbia
 Roy Henry Vickers
 Western International Communications

October **First Nations Taxation II, Dynamic Strategies - Emerging Issues**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

September **Separating First Nations Politics From Business II**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association

June **Financing First Nations Investing in Aboriginal Business and Governments**, Vancouver, BC
 Southern Ontario Native Economic Developers Association

May **Canadian Gamexpo '94, The Big Picture: Mainstreaming Gaming Industry in Canada**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

April **Separating First Nations Politics From Business**, Toronto, ON
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

January **Creating Wealth with First Nations, Business Agreements for Profit**, Vancouver, BC
 Cascadia Pacific Communications Inc

Price Waterhouse
 Province of British Columbia
 Small Business & Trade
 Stark Christian Henderson
 Totem Rising
 Western International Communications

April **Impact of Aboriginal Self-Government, Self-Reliance for First Nations**, Vancouver, BC
 Vancouver Board of Trade

1990

May **Business of Mining, Before and After Land Claims**, Vancouver, BC
 Mining Association of British Columbia

May **Economic Bridge to Self-Reliance, Aboriginal Land Claims**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association

1989

March **International Investment, Trade & Native Economic Development**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association

1993

December **First Nations Taxation, Dynamic Strategies - Emerging Issues**, Vancouver, BC
 Price Waterhouse

September **Mechanics of Aboriginal Land Settlements, Preparing and Negotiating Claims**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association

June **Financing First Nations, Investing in Aboriginal Business and Governments**, Vancouver, BC
 Bank of Montreal
 CIBC

May **Successful First Nations Gaming in Canada II - Gamexpo '93**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association

January **Creating Wealth with First Nations, Resource Development Agreements That Work**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association

1992

December **Successful First Nations Gaming in Canada**, Vancouver, BC
 Native Investment & Trade Association

October **Nexus '92 Changing Attitudes, Broadening Horizons, Creating Opportunities**, Vancouver, BC
 Arrowfax Canada Inc
 Bank of Montreal
 Canadian Airlines International
 Ferguson Gifford's First Nations Law Group
 Helin Fine Arts Inc
 Industry Science and Technology Canada
 International Technical Training Association
 Island Paper Mills Co
 Kahtou Communications Inc
 MacMillan Bloedel Limited
 Ministry of Economic Development
 Ministry of Forests
 Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

