

## News Release

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# Harper Government Investment Supports Jobs, Business Growth and a Strong Economy for Northern Ontario

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The Honourable Greg Rickford, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor), announced today an investment to support jobs, growth and prosperity for the people, businesses and communities of Northern Ontario.

FedNor funding totalling \$1,533,000 will promote economic development opportunities, create youth employment and enhance business development and growth across the region. Organizations that will benefit from the investments include: Northern Ontario Enterprise Gateway, also known as Northern Ontario Angels; Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre; Confederation College; Thunder Bay Agricultural Research Association; and Keewaytinook Okimakanak (see attached information sheet).

## Quick Facts

- The funding announced today is provided through FedNor's Northern Ontario Development and Community Futures programs, which support projects that promote sustainable community economic development, enhance business development and growth, and facilitate innovation throughout the region.
- Since 2006, through FedNor's Northern Ontario Development Program, the Harper Government has invested \$343 million in support of more than 1,645 projects. These investments have supported more than 21,500 jobs throughout Northern Ontario.

## Quotes

"Our Government is proud to invest in strategic initiatives that strengthen the economy, encourage innovation and enhance business development and growth. The funding we are announcing today will help fuel the regional economy by attracting private sector investment to our communities and ensuring that local businesses have the tools they need to create jobs right here in the North."

*The Honourable Greg Rickford*

*Canada's Minister of Natural Resources and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario*

"I would like to thank the Government of Canada for this strong show of support for the work we do and the results we deliver for the people, businesses and communities of Northern Ontario. Today's announcement will allow us to help entrepreneurs develop and grow their ideas into thriving businesses that create jobs and contribute to the economic well-being of the region."

*Mary Long-Irwin*

*Executive Director, Northern Ontario Angels*

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