



First Nations Business Development Association

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Job Title: Regional Business Advisor – ICET Region (Vancouver Island)

Location: Vancouver Island BC focused

Employment Type: Part-time or contract (12 month Initial Term)

Job Description: The Regional Business Advisor will work closely with First Nations Development Corporations (FNDCs) within the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) region to provide support services, capacity building, and foster collaboration among FNDCs. The Regional Business Advisor will facilitate communication, provide market intelligence, and develop collaborative initiatives to address the challenges and opportunities faced by FNDCs in the region.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and maintain communication channels and networks with FNDCs and between FNDCs across the region and within each sub-region
- Conduct initial assessments to identify needs, challenges, and opportunities faced by FNDCs within the region
- Develop and maintain a database of FNDCs and First Nations communities in the region, including profiles and capacity needs identified by FNDCs
- Provide support and collaboration services to FNDCs, which will assist them in navigating policy changes, access funding, and identify strategic investment and diversification opportunities
- Offer market intelligence and support, enabling FNDCs to make informed decisions and identify new business opportunities
- Research, develop, and implement collaborative business and investment initiatives, fostering cooperation and resource-sharing among FNDCs
- Evaluate the outcomes and impact of the support services provided on FNDCs and First Nations communities in the region

Requirements:

- Strong understanding of First Nations culture, communities, and economic development
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work effectively with a diverse range of stakeholders
- Valid driver's license, access to a reliable vehicle, and ability to travel frequently within the ICET region
- Proficient in using technology for communication, data management, and reporting
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team, with strong problem-solving and decision-making skills



Preference:

- Preference will be given to self-identifying Indigenous candidates with a strong connection to the communities within the ICET region
- Preference for candidates residing within the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) region

To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter outlining your interest and qualifications for this role. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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