



Corporate-Aboriginal Relations Webinar: Building Mutually Beneficial Partnerships

Friday, December 6, 2013 1:00 pm EST

The Conference Board of Canada's Council on Corporate Aboriginal Relations and Business Council for Sustainability will host a live webinar, Corporate-Aboriginal Relations: Building Mutually Beneficial Partnerships on Friday, December 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. ET.

During this 75-minute session, Julie Abouchar, Partner - Certified Environmental Law Specialist and Katherine Koostachin, Associate, both with Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers, LLP will explore the subject of partnerships between the private sector and Aboriginal organizations.

Willms & Shier is one of Canada's top 5 environmental law boutiques as ranked by Canadian Lawyer Magazine. Julie Abouchar has more than 15 years' experience advising resource companies, municipalities and Aboriginal clients on conducting meaningful Aboriginal consultations and negotiating innovative resource agreements. Katherine Koostachin practices Aboriginal, environmental and natural resources law. As a member of Attawapiskat First Nation in Ontario, Katherine is particularly committed to building sustainable economic development initiatives for Aboriginal communities, including the development of corporate governance policies.

Leaders from both the private sector and Aboriginal organizations frequently find that a fundamental challenge to effective, constructive and productive corporate Aboriginal relations is building trust. Trust is required for mutually beneficial partnerships and for meaningful Aboriginal engagement. Moreover, effective Aboriginal engagement is itself important to Canada's future in the resource development sector—a failure to develop more productive partnerships could result in missed opportunities and, ultimately, a loss of business to other countries.

The recent changes to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) make trusted and effective partnerships between the private sector and Aboriginal communities all the more salient.

The webinar will touch on the changes to the CEAA, and why they render trusted, collaborative and effective partnerships so important. The second component will outline best practices based on Aboriginal and government expectations and introduce three situations commonly faced during consultation and how they can be resolved.

The fee for this webinar is \$199. The fee gives you access to the live session, the recording, and any materials released during the presentation. You can share the recorded webinar with your entire organization.

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