

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

# **Cando's 21st Annual National Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held on September 22-25, 2014 in Nanaimo, British Columbia**

**August 11, 2014 - Edmonton, AB** - Cando is pleased to announce the 21st Annual National Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held on September 22-25, 2014 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo, British Columbia in partnership with Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council & Snuneymuxw First Nation. This year's event will focus on "Collaboration: Realizing Opportunities".

The Cando National Conference is the only platform that focuses exclusively on topics and trends related to the advancement of Aboriginal Economic Development in Canada. It is an important venue for economic developers and related stakeholders to come together, create new business contacts, share best practices, address obstacles and reveal existing trends in our dynamic economy. Through a program of top speakers, cutting-edge topics, training and educational tours, conference attendees will not only see the region's innovative energy, but leave with fresh strategies and tools to take their organizations and communities to the next level. With the right tools, economic developers in Aboriginal communities everywhere can create a vision for the future, stimulate consensus, and prepare their communities for success.

This year's Conference will include exciting events such as Professional Development Workshops, Icebreaker Reception in conjunction with Peace Hills Trust Native Art Contest Awards Ceremony, Economic Developer of the Year Awards, Trade Show and Artisan Show and Sale, 10th Annual National Youth Panel, Women in Business Panel, Community Tour and Cultural Events, Golf Day, Interactive Workshops and Plenary Sessions, and President's Reception, Dinner and Dance. You will expect outstanding speakers presenting and facilitating important and informative topics.

For more information about Cando's 21st Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting, please visit [www.GoToRegister.ca/CandoConference](http://www.GoToRegister.ca/CandoConference).

### **About Cando**

Cando (Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers) is a federally registered, non-profit society that is Aboriginal controlled, community based, and membership driven. Cando is directed by a national regionally represented volunteer board of elected EDOs representing every region of Canada. Cando has been instrumental in facilitating partnerships with EDOs, academics, Aboriginal leaders and senior corporate and government representatives. Cando is unique because it is the only national organization that focuses on education and professional development for EDOs working in Aboriginal communities or organizations. Cando's vision is to be the leading authority on Aboriginal Community Economic Development and the mission is to build capacity which strengthens Aboriginal economies by providing programs and services to Economic Development Officers.

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