



EAST SIDE RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR JOBS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The East Side Road Authority (ESRA) is encouraging local residents to apply for jobs and training opportunities on the all-season road project. ESRA is also looking for local heavy equipment that could be used for training or construction.

"This project is an excellent economic opportunity for the region that will result in many jobs," said Eric Robinson, Minister responsible for ESRA. "East side residents should register now for future jobs and training opportunities."

Construction was recently completed on a temporary bridge detour over the Wanipigow River. Work currently underway includes preparation for the replacement of the Wanipigow River Bridge, construction of a new bridge at Loon Creek and construction of a six-kilometre section of the all-season road

north from the Loon Straits access. More road construction and bridge contracts are scheduled for later this year. In addition, gravel crushing, right-of-way clearing and other pre-construction work is proceeding in a number of east side communities as part of Community Benefits Agreements (CBA).

ESRA is committed to ensuring local residents participate in, and benefit from this project. That is why ESRA is including local hiring requirements in construction tenders. The local hiring requirement is 30 per cent for road construction tenders and 20 per cent for bridge construction tenders. Residents living in communities within the vicinity of the project will be given first priority.

are encouraged to register with ESRA. As work proceeds on the project including connections to Little Grand Rapids, Pauingassi and Poplar River First Nations and an east-west route linking Island Lake and northern Cree communities to PR 373, residents from these communities will be provided opportunities for construction-related jobs and training. In the meantime, residents from these communities will be provided jobs and training opportunities related to pre-construction work under CBAs.

"Contractors will be looking for qualified workers for the project," said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of ESRA. "We encourage all local residents interested in working on the project to register with ESRA."

ESRA is also developing an inventory of heavy equipment available in the east side communities that could be used by ESRA or contractors. Equipment must be in good working condition. Anyone interested in renting their equipment to the project, should register with ESRA.

For more information, please visit the ESRA website at: www.eastsideroadauthority.mb.ca, or contact ESRA at:

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An employment and training registration session in Poplar River was attended by over 80 people



As construction of the all-season road from PR 304 to Berens River First Nation proceeds, residents from Hollow Water, Bloodvein and Berens River First Nations and the neighbouring communities of Aghaming, Loon Straits, Manigotagan, Princess Harbour and Seymourville