# ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE - AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

### LANDS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### AUDIT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NON-PROPOSAL DRIVEN) (08/28) AEC APPROVAL DATE: 08/12/2009

PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION PLAN	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	PROGRAM RESPONSE
1. The Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands & Economic Development Sector should ensure that as part of the current redesign of economic development programs, CEDP is brought into better alignment with Treasury Board's requirements for transfer payment programs.	- The Economic Development Programs, including CEDP, are currently being redesigned to align it with the June 2009 Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development. New programs are scheduled to be in place on April 1, 2011.  - It is the intention to transfer the CEDP from a formula-based program to a proposal-driven program. This new approach will allocate funds based on future economic opportunities and needs of recipients as opposed to formulas based on historical population.  - Consultation with INAC's Chief Financial Officer in the development of the new redesigned program's Terms and Conditions will ensure proper alignment with the Treasury Board Policy on Transfer Payments.	April 1, 2011	Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2010:  Community Opportunities Branch  Branch staff will continue to work with CFO, and the Sector's Program renewal/redesign working group, to ensure that existing and new programming options are compliant with the new Policy on Transfer Payments. There discussions will also ensure that a renovated CEDP product is consistent with the principles of the Federal Framework, which may include a proposal driven format.  AES: Underway
2. The Director General, Community Investment Branch should ensure that sufficient information is provided to program officers and recipients to facilitate the consistent reporting of plans and results thereby creating a basis for accountability consistent with the approved program terms and conditions.	<ul> <li>The Economic Development Programs, including CEDP, are currently being redesigned to align it with the June 2009 Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development. New programs are scheduled to be in place on April 1, 2011.</li> <li>The redesigned CEDP will ensure that sufficient information will be provided to all regions in order to clearly define and uniformly implement a common</li> </ul>	April 1, 2011	Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2010:  Community Opportunities Branch  Branch officials, on an on-going basis, are working with the Sector's Program renewal/redesign team, to ensure that a redesigned CEDP program contains a sound management control framework and reporting mechanisms.

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	approach to both a management control framework and reporting requirements. Better informed project officers and recipients will facilitate effective measurement of results to track performance and therefore increase accountability.  - New program guidelines, to be implemented on April 1, 2011, will be clear on performance measurement and reporting.		AES: Underway
3. The Director General, Community Investment Branch should work with the Regional Directors General to establish expectations for CEDP recipient monitoring based on the relevant risks.	<ul> <li>The Economic Development Programs, including CEDP, are currently being redesigned to align it with the June 2009 Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development. New programs are scheduled to be in place on April 1, 2011.</li> <li>The redesigned CEDP will ensure that all regions implement risk assessments and apply monitoring to commensurate with the level of risk associated with the redesigned CEDP proposal submitted by recipients.</li> <li>New program guidelines being developed in partnership with our regional offices, will ensure that regions are implementing clear and reasonable monitoring plans for each proposal, as</li> </ul>	April 1, 2011	Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2010:  Community Opportunities Branch  Community Opportunities Branch staff continue to work closely with their colleagues in CFO regarding the development of new programming options, as well as the monitoring of existing programs, and the accompanying requirement to be compliant with the new Policy on transfer Payments.  Staff also continues to collaborate with their Sector counterparts, regarding the development of the "General Assessment Tool".  Efforts are continuing to produce a risk assessment matrix, to be used in the assessment of CEDP

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	set out in the program's terms and		proposals.
	conditions.  - The level of risk for each proposal will		AES: Underway
	be determined by completing a risk matrix similar to the matrix currently		
	being used to assess the CSSP and CEOP programs.		