

**ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE
REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE - AS OF MARCH 31, 2012**

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Economic Development Programs, including CEDP, are currently being redesigned to align it with the June 2009 <i>Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development</i>. 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 AANDC'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	<p>Status: Pending Implementation</p> <p>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2012:</p> <p>Program renovation is underway. Community Economic Development programming is being redesigned to better meet the needs of the recipients. The CFO and TBS are being consulted to ensure that the redesigned suite of programs is aligned with the Treasury Board Policy on Transfer Payments. It is anticipated that the new program will not be implemented until April 1, 2013.</p> <p>AES: Recommendation is closed.</p>
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 style="list-style-type: none"> - The Economic Development Programs, including CEDP, are currently being redesigned to align it with the June 2009 <i>Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development</i>. New programs are scheduled to be in place on April 1, 2011. - The redesigned CEDP will ensure that sufficient information will be provided to 	April 1, 2011	<p>Status: Underway</p> <p>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2012:</p> <p>Existing program guidelines have been updated and implemented and made available to all AANDC staff. Data collection instruments have been refined to better support program reporting.</p>

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	<p>all regions in order to clearly define and uniformly implement a common 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.</p> <p>- New program guidelines, to be implemented on April 1, 2011, will be clear on performance measurement and reporting.</p>		<p>Program renovation is still underway. CEDP is being redesigned to better meet the needs of the recipients and is being aligned with the Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development. New program guidelines, developed in partnership with the regional offices, will ensure effective implementation, management and tracking of results of the new program. Ongoing training and support will be provided as required.</p> <p>The updated completion date is April 1, 2012. It is expected that the new program will not be implemented though until April 1, 2013.</p> <p>AES: Recommendation is closed.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>- The Economic Development Programs, including CEDP, are currently being redesigned to align it with the June 2009 <i>Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development</i>. New programs are scheduled to be in place on April 1, 2011.</p> <p>- 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</p>	<p>April 1, 2011</p>	<p>Status: Implemented</p> <p>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2011:</p> <p>A revised project reporting and payment disbursement regime has been developed for implementation April 1, 2011. The ongoing monitoring requirements for Community Economic Development program recipients is based on the rating determined through the department's General Assessment tool.</p>

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	<p>recipients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 set out in the program's terms and conditions. - The level of risk for each proposal will be determined by completing a risk matrix similar to the matrix currently being used to assess the CSSP and CEOP programs. 		<p>AES: Based on the revised project reporting and payment disbursement regime as well as the revisions to CED monitoring requirements, which incorporate AANDC's General Assessment methodology, the recommendation has been closed.</p>