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### **2010 Procurement workshop hosted by Chilliwack's Spirit of BC committee**

The 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games offer \$4 billion in business opportunities, \$3 billion in major infrastructure projects, and 244,000 full-time jobs. But how can B.C. businesses, and more specifically Chilliwack area businesses, take advantage of this Olympic size opportunity? Chilliwack's Spirit of BC committee will host a special 2010 Procurement Workshop, Tuesday, November 29, to help with such information.

"This session will help participants to get informed and educated about the procurement processes including: how to identify 2010 business opportunities, how to interpret and respond to bid opportunities, where bids are posted, where to go for information and support, and how to create successful bids" explains Terry Bodman, a co-chair of the local Spirit of BC committee.

"It will also provide details on key contacts, how to get information, and the significant time lines between now and 2010. If you are in business, and want to be a part of 2010, you'll need to know how the Olympic bidding process works. This will be the place to start" says Bodman. The session will also provide details on superior procurement processes and procedures for post Olympics.

There will be a number of information displays at the workshop to introduce First Nations traditional and non-traditional businesses to non-aboriginal entrepreneurs.

Schedule of events:

7:30 - Registration and information booths opens

8:00 - Opening Remarks, introduction, prayer by Willy Charlie

Welcome by Chief Joe Hall, Tzeachten First Nation, Ch-ihl-kway-uhk Tribe

Welcome by Clint Hames - Mayor, City of Chilliwack

Foreword by Brian Krieger - Director, 2010 Commerce Centre

Foreword by Tewanee Joseph - Vancouver Organizing Committee

Representative

Introduction by Terry Bodman (Co-Chair, Chilliwack Spirit of BC Community Committee)

8:30-11:45 - Workshop-Presentation by:

- Tim Reeve (Consultant, 2010 Commerce Centre)
- Paula Cranmer-Underhill (Community Development Officer, Sto:lo Community Futures)
- David Munro (CEPCO)

11:45-12:45 - Lunch & cultural presentation by Sasquatch Tours

12:45-13:00 - Wrap up & door prizes

The procurement workshop, which will be of interest to business owners, managers, and executives, will be held at Tzeachten First Nation Community Centre (next to Save-On-Foods on Promontory in Sardis.) Sponsors for the event are: the City of Chilliwack, Chilliwack Economic Partners Corp., Sto:lo Community Futures, Tzeachten First Nation,

Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce, and the Chilliwack Progress. The Procurement workshop is held under the auspices of BC Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Secretariat, 2010 Commerce Centre; Western Economic Diversification – Government of Canada; and the Ministry of Economic Development - Province of BC.

Registration Deadline: November 23; cost: \$20.10, advance tickets only. Seating is limited. For more information and to reserve your seat, businesses should contact Chantale at 604-793-2900.

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