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TEWATOHNHI'SAKTHA ANNOUNCES A SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO ACCESS \$1.6M IN GOVERNMENT FUNDING

(Kahnawà:ke - 03, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2012) Tewatohnhi'saktha announces a second call for proposals to access the Aboriginal Initiatives Fund (AIF) that was established by the Secrétariat aux Affaires Autochtones Québec (SAA). Three information sessions will be held at Tewatohnhi'saktha during the week of May 7, 2012, to outline the application requirements. The AIF provides financial assistance up to 50% of the total project cost. A total of \$1.6 million remains accessible to the community until December 2013.

The AIF was announced in 2006 as a means to support projects that may generate spin-offs in the development of Quebec's Aboriginal communities. In October 2008, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) reached an agreement with Quebec enabling the community to access the fund through a defined process. By mandate of the MCK, Tewatohnhi'saktha will be managing and administering the application process for the AIF; however, the SAA carries out the final approval process and disbursement of the funds. The deadline for application submission is: **Tuesday, July 3, 2012**.

Information sessions will be held at **Tewatohnhi'saktha** (Kahnawà:ke Business Complex, 3rd Floor) on:

Wednesday, May 9, 2012	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 10, 2012	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 12, 2012	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Financial assistance granted through the AIF is for a maximum of 50% of the eligible expenses, work, and purchases. The remaining 50% must be provided by the proponent, nation or community, or federal government. Through a community proposal process, Kahnawà:ke can access two components of the AIF.

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- 1. Economic Development (\$1.29M total remaining funds):** Eligible projects must be related to economic development and must have significant effects on the socio-economic profile of Kahnawà:ke such as: structuring in nature for the community; a leverage effect or driving force in the development field; the creation or consolidation of jobs for Aboriginal people; and/or the profitability and viability of the business. The Economic Development funds are:

Studies	\$220,287
Community Organizations	\$350,000
Private medium scale businesses (\$250K plus)	\$722,707

- 2. Community Infrastructures (\$320K remaining funds):** Subject to availability and open only to community non-profit organizations.

For more information, and to confirm your attendance, please contact:

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