ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE - AS OF MARCH 31, 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	Status: In Progress Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010: CIB continues to develop program design options that take into account the new Federal Framework on Aboriginal Economic Development. In addition, CIB staff are working closely with CFO and Audit and Evaluation ensure existing programs are compliant with the Policy on Transfer Payments. An internal working group has been established and is currently addressing a specific work plan to ensure PTP compliance by March 31, 2011. 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.	 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. The redesigned CEDP will ensure that sufficient information will be provided to all regions in order to clearly define and uniformly implement a common 	April 1, 2011	Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010: A revised performance measurement strategy has been completed for a new Land and Economy Strategic Outcome. CIB staff will continue to work to implement this strategy to improve the collection of results based information. In addition, program renovation activities continue, which include provision of performance measurement data.				

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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.	 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. 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. 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 	April 1, 2011	Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010: CIB continues to develop program design options that take into account the new Federal Framework on Aboriginal Economic Development. In addition, CIB staff are working closely with CFO and Audit and Evaluation ensure existing programs are compliant with the new Policy on Transfer Payments. An internal working group has been established and is currently addressing a specific work plan to ensure PTP compliance by March 31, 2011. CIB staff have worked with departmental officials in the development of the "General Assessment Tool", designed to assess the risk of a particular recipient. Once implemented, this tool will assist program officers to determine the level and type of monitoring required.

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	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.		AES: Underway