



Aboriginal Benefits

Through the Mid-Shore Patrol Vessels Project (“MSPV”) the Federal Government of Canada has created an opportunity for Aboriginal Businesses to participate in the project and create Aboriginal Benefits.

An Aboriginal Benefit is an activity which produces long term benefits for Aboriginal business. This would include sub contracting for goods, services and materials to a Aboriginal business, or direct employment of Aboriginal labour. An Aboriginal business can be a Band as defined by the Indian Act, a sole proprietorship, a limited company, a co-operative, a partnership or a not for profit organization in which Aboriginal persons have at least 51% ownership and control. It can also consist of two or more Aboriginal businesses, or an Aboriginal business and a non Aboriginal business(es), provided that the Aboriginal business(es) has at least 51% ownership and control of the joint venture.

Aboriginal Benefits can be categorized as either direct or indirect. Direct benefits result from any part of the work directly pertaining to the Mid-shore Patrol Vessel Project (MSPV). Indirect benefits are contract opportunities to a Aboriginal business not directly related to the construction of the Mid-shore Patrol Vessel Project (MSPV).

Aboriginal businesses are encouraged to participate in the MSPV project and contact Irving Shipbuilding Inc.

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is responsible for administering the Aboriginal Benefits program. More information can be found on the INAC website.