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First Nations Summit Welcomes new Training Tax Credit Program

(Vancouver, BC) The First Nations Summit is pleased with today's announcement of a new provincial Training Tax Credit Program, which includes specific support for First Nations individuals. As part of the new Program, enhanced credits – 50% higher than they would otherwise be – will be offered to First Nations individuals in apprenticeship training and to their employers.

"First Nations are a largely untapped resource as it relates to the current demand in British Columbia for skilled workers," said Grand Chief Edward John, a member of the First Nations Summit Political Executive. "Programs that will support the increased involvement of First Nations individuals in trades training and apprenticeships will, in the long run, be of enormous benefit to both First Nations communities and the provincial economy."

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The First Nations Summit speaks on behalf of First Nations involved in the treaty negotiation process in British Columbia. Further background information on the Summit may be found at www.fns.bc.ca.

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