

**IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE  
REPORT TO THE AUDIT AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE (AEC) SEPTEMBER 25, 2008**

PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION PLAN	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	PROGRAM RESPONSE
<b>EVALUATION OF THE FEDERAL INTERLOCUTOR'S CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM AND POWLEY: MANAGEMENT OF MÉTIS ABORIGINAL RIGHTS(200713)</b> <b>AEC APPROVAL DATE: 28/02/2008</b>			
<b>THE OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL INTERLOCUTOR (OFI)</b>			
<p>1. Clarify OFI mandate and role within INAC and the federal government, and develop expected outcomes and performance indicators that are measurable and an accurate reflection of the scope and work of the OFI.</p>	<p>a) INAC will continue to communicate OFI's mandate and role, both within the department and to all interested stakeholders.</p> <p>b) OFI will update its performance measurement and reporting framework and implement a performance measurement strategy as per OFI's Results-based Management and Accountability Framework. The principles of the department's SMART reporting initiative will be applied to this exercise.</p> <p>c) OFI will continue to communicate programming objectives to its stakeholders and ensure this is reflected on OFI's website.</p>	<p>a) April 2008</p> <p>b) April 2008</p> <p>c) April 2008</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> <b>Implemented</b></p> <p><b>Update/Rationale:</b> <b>As of 30/09/2008:</b></p> <p><b>a) INAC Senior management continues to communicate OFI's role and mandate both within the department and to client groups (website renewal, Senior Policy Committee, meetings with clients, joint ADM letters to RDG's).</b></p> <p><b>b) As part of the INAC Audit and Evaluation Sector's work on developing departmental performance measures, OFI held a two day workshop in September. Once approved, these indicators will be included in the departmental submission to Treasury Board. In addition, program level performance measures have been included in the development of the OFI PIMS system.</b></p> <p><b>c) Two one-day sessions were undertaken with all main OFI clients in March 2008 to explain TB requirements, INAC requirements, the process of developing contribution agreements, reporting expectations, and so on. In addition, as part of the broader INAC website renewal initiative, all program objectives and materials have been updated and will be posted later this fall.</b></p>

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2. Maintain the current approach to the management of Métis rights assertions including enhance work with other federal departments, provinces and Aboriginal organizations on joint research efforts to further understand rights-bearing Métis communities, and strengthening and sustainability of membership and identification systems.	<p>a) OFI will continue to seek opportunities for joint research with provincial governments, and where possible, by the relevant Métis organizations.</p> <p>b) OFI will conduct a third-party review of the membership/harvesters systems funded by OFI.</p>	<p>a) April 2008</p> <p>b) August 2008</p>	<p><b>Status:</b></p> <p><b>Implemented</b></p> <p><b>Update/Rationale:</b> <b>As of 30/09/2008:</b></p> <p><b>a) OFI is currently pursuing joint research opportunities with Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador. OFI has provided funding to CAP and MNC to pursue research.</b></p> <p><b>b) A third party review of the memberships systems supported by this initiative is underway, and expected to be completed by October.</b></p>
3. Strengthen and focus capacity building efforts to provide stability and sustainability to relevant Aboriginal organizations.	<p>a) OFI will develop a strategy to focus the capacity building efforts on key client groups.</p> <p>b) OFI will work with key Aboriginal organizations to develop and implement long-term capacity building plans.</p>	<p>a) July 2008</p> <p>b) March 2009</p>	<p><b>Status:</b></p> <p><b>a) implemented</b> <b>b) pending implementation</b></p> <p><b>Update/Rationale:</b> <b>As of 30/09/2008:</b></p> <p><b>a) Within the capacity building funding stream, OFI has realigned funding decisions in keeping with funding objectives of the program, with a focus on governance, financial and electoral accountability.</b></p> <p><b>b) OFI continues to work with key client groups to develop electoral reform plans, financial management plans, repayment plans as well as economic development plans to help with the objective of building longer-term sustainability.</b></p>

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4. Examine the weakness in the level of core funding provided to recipient organizations.	a) OFI will participate in the policy work being conducted in the department involving core funding issues.	a) currently underway	<p><b>Status:</b> <b>implemented</b></p> <p><b>Update/Rationale:</b> <b>As of 30/09/2008:</b></p> <p>The OFI developed a policy framework to rationalize core funding allocations to recipient organizations.</p> <p>INAC will reallocate funding internally to OFI through the ARLU process to begin to address the inequity in funding between Métis and non-status Indian organizations compared to First Nations and Inuit organizations.</p>
5. Improve contribution program management to ensure timely processing of contribution agreement and payments.	<p>a) OFI will conduct a review of the processes in order to identify any efficiency that can be realized.</p> <p>The principles of the department's SMART reporting initiative will be applied to this exercise.</p>	a) May 2008	<p><b>Status:</b></p> <p><b>Update/Rationale:</b> <b>As of 30/09/2008:</b></p> <p>This is ongoing. OFI officers are being trained on the use of FNITP in order to be able to upload proposals, workplans and reports, thereby decreasing photocopying and scanning time. Review of overall INAC process to determine where there might be efficiencies still to be undertaken</p>