

# Joint Task Force on Improving Education and Employment for First Nations and Métis People

## Planning for Success

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The Government of Saskatchewan (Saskatchewan) and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) have established a three member Joint Task Force on Improving Education and Employment Outcomes for First Nations and Métis People. The Joint Task Force will provide the FSIN, Saskatchewan and other potential partners with a report and recommendations that identify evidence-based public policy, program and practical approaches that have the greatest potential for positive impact on education and employment outcomes on- and off-reserve. In addition, the Joint Task Force will identify policies, programs and practices that are not having the desired impact and propose changes or elimination. In identifying approaches for implementation or elimination, costs and potential reallocation of spending will be considered.

Based on this mandate, the Joint Task Force and Secretariat have developed five plans that are designed to guarantee consistency with the Terms of Reference and description of services. All plans include: key activities, deliverables, due dates and timeframes, who is leading the activity, who is collaborating with the lead and the risks that are associated with the completion of each activity. The five plans are:

- 1. Project Work Plan** – This plan maps the overall process that will be used to complete the project.
- 2. Consultation Plan** – This plan provides a framework that will gain perspective from an array of individuals and groups across the geographic area of Saskatchewan.
- 3. Project Communications Plan** - This plan outlines processes to ensure effective communication of the Joint Task Force engagement process to a wide audience.
- 4. Joint Task Force /Secretariat Communications Plan** – This plan summarizes the procedures that will be used to guarantee strong on-going communication between the Joint Task Force and the Secretariat.
- 5. Master Research Plan** – This plan provides an overview of the range of research that that will be annotated, summarized, analyzed and conducted for the Joint Task Force. This include the sub - plan for primary, client-centred research, on an as needed basis, with First Nations and Métis people focusing on their experiences and ideas about education and employment and the identification and description “lighthouse” programs and practices now in existence.

Although each plan is distinct, all five plans are interrelated and complement each other. They will guide the direction and ensure the success of the work to be completed by March 31, 2013.