



NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Member Benefits Package 2010

The Northwestern Ontario Development Network (NODN) is the premier resource for economic development practitioners in Northwestern Ontario. The organization strives to meet the needs of its members by facilitating communication and networking while simultaneously acting as a resource for information. As a membership based organization, NODN acts as a catalyst to drive development projects forward to not only benefit local communities, but all of Northwestern Ontario

As a valued member of NODN, your organizations will benefit from the following three areas:

Communication/Networking

- The ability to convey RFP's, job postings, and other organizational information through NODN's member network
- Access to the membership list along with all available contact information as a means to communicate with other members
- The ability to communicate with other members to find comparable projects and proposals
- Opportunity to advertise events such as updates, seminars, meetings, and conferences, on the NODN website and newsletter (www.nodn.com)
- Members will receive a NODN newsletter quarterly as a means to further convey the organizations activities; members can additionally request specific articles to be posted within the newsletter
- Members will have the ability to post any or all of their company profile on the NODN website to further their advertisement
- Members will receive regular updates from NODN regarding any changes, news, and requests

- Members will use NODN as a communication hub to send and receive information as a means to further their own organizations goals
- Members will use the NODN website as an information tool rather than a reference to further material for items such as funding programs, research, and information
- Members will attain assistance from NODN for the purposes of writing letters of support for their projects and funding requests.

Policy/Projects/Programs

- A source of information for various funding programs that can be accessed in Northwestern Ontario
- Access to data on various regional demographics and other relevant research material
- Members will have access to any information pertaining to current and past projects of NODN in northwestern Ontario
- Full members will have the ability to influence and shape NODN to broaden and improve its purpose while simultaneously benefitting their needs. Members will accomplish this by communicating through the NODN network to convey information such as ideas for regional projects
- Members will be eligible to become active participants on the NODN board of directors through the annual general meeting
- Access to information about attracting, developing, and maintaining economic development initiatives
- Information and assistance regarding community development initiatives

Training/Education

- Members will receive invitations for:
 - Development seminars
 - Programs delivered by recognized experts
 - Spring and annual general meetings for NODN
- Members will receive discounts and the best negotiated hotel rates for:
 - Conference registration fees
 - NODN meetings
 - Seminars
- Members will receive notification and information pertaining to conferences and educational training opportunities offered by partner organizations
- Members will have an opportunity to network with community development practitioners and partners