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## UP COMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	REGISTRATION INFORMATION
EDC Let's Talk Exports Webinar	Thursday, June 2 2011 9:00AM - 12:00PM	 EDAC • ACDE <a href="http://www.edac.com">www.edac.com</a>
Think North II Regional Conference	Monday, June 13 2011 Tuesday, June 14 2011 <b>Registration Deadline</b> Monday, June 6 2011	 Ontario <a href="http://thinknorth.northernontariobusiness.com/">http://thinknorth.northernontariobusiness.com/</a>
SNCFCDC - AGM	Tuesday, June 21 2011	 Superior North CFDC SADC Supérieur Nord <a href="http://www.sncfdc.org">www.sncfdc.org</a>
NADF Charity Golf Tournament	Friday, July 15 2011 Registration: 12:00PM Shotgun Start: 1:00PM	 NISHNAWBE ASKI DEVELOPMENT FUND <a href="http://www.nadf.org">www.nadf.org</a> <a href="mailto:asekudo@nadf.org">asekudo@nadf.org</a>
Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament	Thursday, August 18 2011	 Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.tb-chamber.on.ca">www.tb-chamber.on.ca</a> <a href="mailto:nancy@tb-chamber.on.ca">nancy@tb-chamber.on.ca</a>



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For upcoming events and articles to be posted in the fall newsletter, please send your information to [elaura@nodn.com](mailto:elaura@nodn.com)



# NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO INNOVATION CENTRE

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual RBC Innovation Awards took place in Thunder Bay on May 5, 2011 at the Victoria Inn to announce the winners of these three categories. Here are the winners for 2011.

The **Northwestern Ontario Immigration Portal** was awarded the Innovative Project of the Year Award from Cheadles' Doug Shanks.

To check out the portal, visit  
[www.immigrationnorthwesternontario.ca](http://www.immigrationnorthwesternontario.ca)



● ● ● The Portal Team

**Mike Rudnicki** was awarded Innovator Hero of the Year Award from Lakehead University's Bruce Holm.

To check out Rudnicki Industrial Inc., visit [www.rudind.com](http://www.rudind.com)



Bruce and Mike ● ● ●

Rob Thayer from **Mitomics** was awarded Innovative Company of the Year Award from Northern Ontario Enterprise Gateway's Mary Long-Irwin.

For more information about Mitomics, visit  
[www.mitomicsinc.com](http://www.mitomicsinc.com)



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## GRANT SUPPORTS AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN RURAL CANADA

The **AgriSpirit Fund** has a budget of \$1,000,000 to fund capital projects (e.g. equipment, construction, renovations, etc.) in Canadian communities with less than 100,000 residents. Funding awards are between \$5,000 and \$25,000 per project. To be eligible applicants must be a registered charity, agricultural society, a municipality or partnered with a municipal government. Supported projects are expected to enhance the quality of life for people living in a rural community. Additionally, projects must be completed by December 2013 and display acknowledgment of AgriSpirit's contribution. Preference will be given to projects that benefit more than one community, encourage volunteerism, focus on agriculture, are not supported by the United Way and will give unabashed funder recognition. The fund will not support previous grant recipients, foundations, religious groups, private schools, political parties or social organizations. Projects that have an adverse effect on the environment, support personal endeavours or sustain ongoing activities are not eligible.

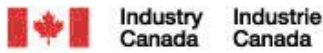
**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 20, 2010.**



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## FUNDING TO ENHANCE SMALL BUSINESS E-BUSINESS PRACTICES A SUCCESS

A significant number of established small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are currently only connected to the Internet or are passively on-line, and might not be taking advantage of the possibilities offered by e-business. The Small Business Internship Program seeks to improve the competitiveness of SMEs by supporting businesses to actively market on-line and improve their competitiveness with e-business practices and technologies.

Northwestern Ontario Development Network (NODN) has received funding from the Ontario Association of Community Futures Development Corporation (OACFDC) to be a sub-regional agent for the Small Business Internship Program (SIBP). The funding is designated to assist five small to medium enterprises (SME's) within the Thunder Bay, Rainy River or Kenora districts, to employ an intern. The student interns are authorized 12 weeks of full-time employment to work on approved e-business projects. The SME can claim eligible costs (reimbursed up to 75%) for the student's wage and mandatory salary related costs.

We are pleased to announce that the four available positions in Northwestern Ontario have been filled successfully and we would like to thank all of the applicants.



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## NORTH SUPERIOR WORKFORCE PLANNING BOARD

North Superior Workforce Planning Board (NSWPB) recently completed Phase I of a Northwestern Ontario Mining Sector Labour Supply-Demand Strategy, assessing existing employer interest and commitment to working in a coordinated effort to develop a mining sector labour supply-demand strategy. In Phase II, NSWPB undertake a customized mining labour market occupational forecast (for 2, 5, and 10 years) of hiring requirements for contractionary, baseline, and expansionary scenarios across Northwestern Ontario.

For more information, visit [www.nswpb.ca](http://www.nswpb.ca)



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# EDAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Event	Date	Registration Information
EDAC Annual Conference	Saturday, October 1 2011 4:00PM continued to Tuesday, October 4 2011 10:00PM	www.edac.ca

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This is a session you will not want to miss. Mr. Tapscott is an internationally renowned authority on the strategic impact of IT on innovation, marketing and talent. On October 3rd, he will be speaking to EDAC Conference delegates on the State of the Canadian and International Economy.

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