PROJECT OVERVIEW

TITLE: **Mentor Me: A Youth Networking Initiative**

Date: **September 2011**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Through a mentoring relationship, youth 30 years of age and under will be connected with experienced community members who will share their networks and industry knowledge. The objective is to facilitate the sharing of networks and resources between community leaders and youth.

RATIONALE:

The project contributes to the achievement of the following recommendation found in the Attraction and Retention Strategy.

Recommendation #3: Provide assistance to the region's young people to access training, obtain jobs and facilitate growth in self-employment opportunities.

The project contributes to the achievement of the following recommendation found in the Community Social Services and Support Strategy.

Recommendation #3: Enable youth to obtain local education and employment services that will allow them to fully participate in the region's economy.

PARTNERS:

Members of Prince George Chamber of Commerce, members of Team Powerhouse Realty, Local restaurants, regional politicians, multiple community service groups, the University of Northern BC Alumni Association and other UNBC/College of New Caledonia groups, Service Canada, Sprott-Shaw Community College, Ryan Vogt (BC Assessment Authority), Martin Hooke (Edward Jones Prince George), Brian Le (Hire A Student), Youth Focus Group Volunteers, seven post-secondary students and one high school student.

TIMELINES:
September 2011 - October 30, 2012

RESOURCES:
OBAC contributed $50,000, The Keg Restaurant and Bar has contributed $5,500, United Way of Northern BC has contributed $2,100, and individual mentors have contributed $7,500 worth of their time to mentoring.

ACTIVITY
Develop mentoring programs and relationships between youth and experienced community members.

OUTPUTS
Complete 50 mentor/mentee relationships
Summary and analysis of results of relationship
Summary and analysis of program data

INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES
Sharing of knowledge, networks and resources between experienced community leaders and inexperienced youth.

OUTCOMES
Employable young adults with great experience, connections and valuable knowledge that their employers will desire to have in the workforce.