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CNC receives \$250,000 from Northern Gateway to fund online learning

Northern Gateway has donated \$250,000 to the College of New Caledonia to support the development of their online course delivery program. The Digital Delivery Initiative (DDI) will allow real-time synchronized delivery of instructor-led lectures to classrooms across multiple CNC campuses. The project will involve a three-year planning and delivery roll-out of educational technology.

“The Digital Delivery Initiative will enable any learner in the CNC region and beyond to take a course delivered in real time lead by faculty, and have the ability to interact with other students in that class.” said CNC President Henry Reiser. “Using the DDI infrastructure, students can actively participate in lectures and labs or shops without having to leave their communities.”

The programs offered by CNC are delivered to a wide region of the province, including many remote communities. The DDI project will serve to make learning even more accessible to remote learners by delivering consistent course materials electronically to specialized classrooms throughout the region. The plan is for existing CNC programs in areas such as university studies, health sciences and trades to be formatted for online learning.

The college will install six classrooms across its campuses for the purpose of the Digital Delivery Initiative; Northern Gateway’s donation will effectively cover the cost of one of these classrooms.

“Northern Gateway is committed to ensuring young people in the north have access to skills and training they need to build strong communities, now and in the future,” said Catherine Pennington, Senior Manager of Community Benefits and Sustainable Development at Northern

Gateway. “This initiative is going to make a tangible difference in the lives of many students in remote regions. It will connect communities, foster knowledge sharing, and increase access to important education opportunities. We are proud to partner with the College of New Caledonia to create a lasting legacy of education and training in this region.”

Photo: CNC President Henry Reiser and Catherine Pennington, Senior Manager, Community Benefits and Sustainability at Northern Gateway, sign a \$250,000 agreement for the development of the college’s Digital Delivery Initiative. (credit: CNC)

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