Call for Presentations

The Assembly of First Nations will host the 2020 National Housing and Infrastructure Forum and Trade Show on March 10 – 12, 2020 at the Fairmont Hotel Royal York, 100 Front Street W, Toronto, Ontario.

The Forum will feature plenary sessions and interactive workshops on the implementation of the Ten-Year National First Nations Housing and Related Infrastructure Strategy. Participants’ input will further shape the Strategy’s Implementation Plan. There will be added emphasis on infrastructure as it relates to Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Asset Management.

The theme of the Forum is First Nations Control: Transformative Change in Housing and Infrastructure. The topics for discussion will include:
- Implementing the 10-Year National First Nations Housing & Related Infrastructure Strategy;
- The results of the 2018-19 First Nations-led national First Nations housing survey;
- New ways to deliver & finance housing & infrastructure services;
- Changes coming to Operations and Maintenance & Asset Management;
- Identifying skills and capacity needs to support the transition to First Nations control; and
- Sharing of best practices and success stories.

Forum Attendees will include: Chiefs or their representative, housing and public works managers, Indigenous housing services; providers and individuals who are working in the field of housing management, operations and maintenance and infrastructure management; First Nations organizations or technicians interested in improving how housing and infrastructure is managed and delivered; and, consultants, industry, other non-government entities involved in First Nations housing and infrastructure.

The submission format is as follows:
- A description of your presentation (max length: 200 words) should include how it relates to the Forum theme and topics of interest; and
- The presenter’s biography (max length: 100 words) must be included.

Please submit your submission by email to carolyn@huntercourchene.com in Word format, identifying “2020 Housing and Infrastructure Forum Presentation – Submission” in the subject line. Please note that submissions may be edited for length for Forum documentation.

Submission Deadline: February 7, 2020 at 2:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time)

Individuals with a successful submission will be notified on or before February 17, 2020. Please note that, due to the limited budget for this important event, presenters will be responsible for their own travel costs; however, under exceptional circumstances, some travel subsidy could be considered on an individual basis upon request in writing.

If you have any questions about this Call for Presentations, please contact carolyn@huntercourchene.com.