



Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency  
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# Northern Project Management Office

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Respect

Integrity

Service

Trust

Canada



# Government Commitments

- *“Our Government is bolstering this Northern agenda through proceeding with the creation of a new development agency exclusively for the territories. It will be headquartered in Iqaluit, with offices in Yellowknife and Whitehorse. The Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency will consolidate Northern economic development programs, bolster economic growth in Aboriginal communities, **select and coordinate critical infrastructure projects**, and help the region's communities adjust to changing economic and environmental conditions.”*
  - *Announcement by the Prime Minister: Iqaluit, Nunavut, August 2009*
  
- *“The new Northern Projects Management Office **will have direct responsibility for coordinating northern projects and will offer a single point of contact for clients**. With a central office in Yellowknife, it will be well positioned to coordinate major natural resource projects across the North.”*
  - *Canada's Economic Action Plan, News Release September 2009*



# NPO's Mandate

- A new initiative
- Providing project management assistance to proponents of northern resource projects by:
  - Coordinating the various roles and responsibilities of federal government departments and agencies as they relate to northern resource projects; and
  - Holding the official record for the federal government in its consultation obligations



# NPO's Role

- Supporting economic development by
  - Strategic alignment with the economic development mandate of CanNor
  - Advising and assisting proponents in navigating the regulatory system
  - Improving federal predictability around regulatory requirements and project timelines
  - Increasing transparency
  - Providing a more concerted approach to federal regulatory requirements faced by proponents advancing major projects in the North



# NPMO's Approach

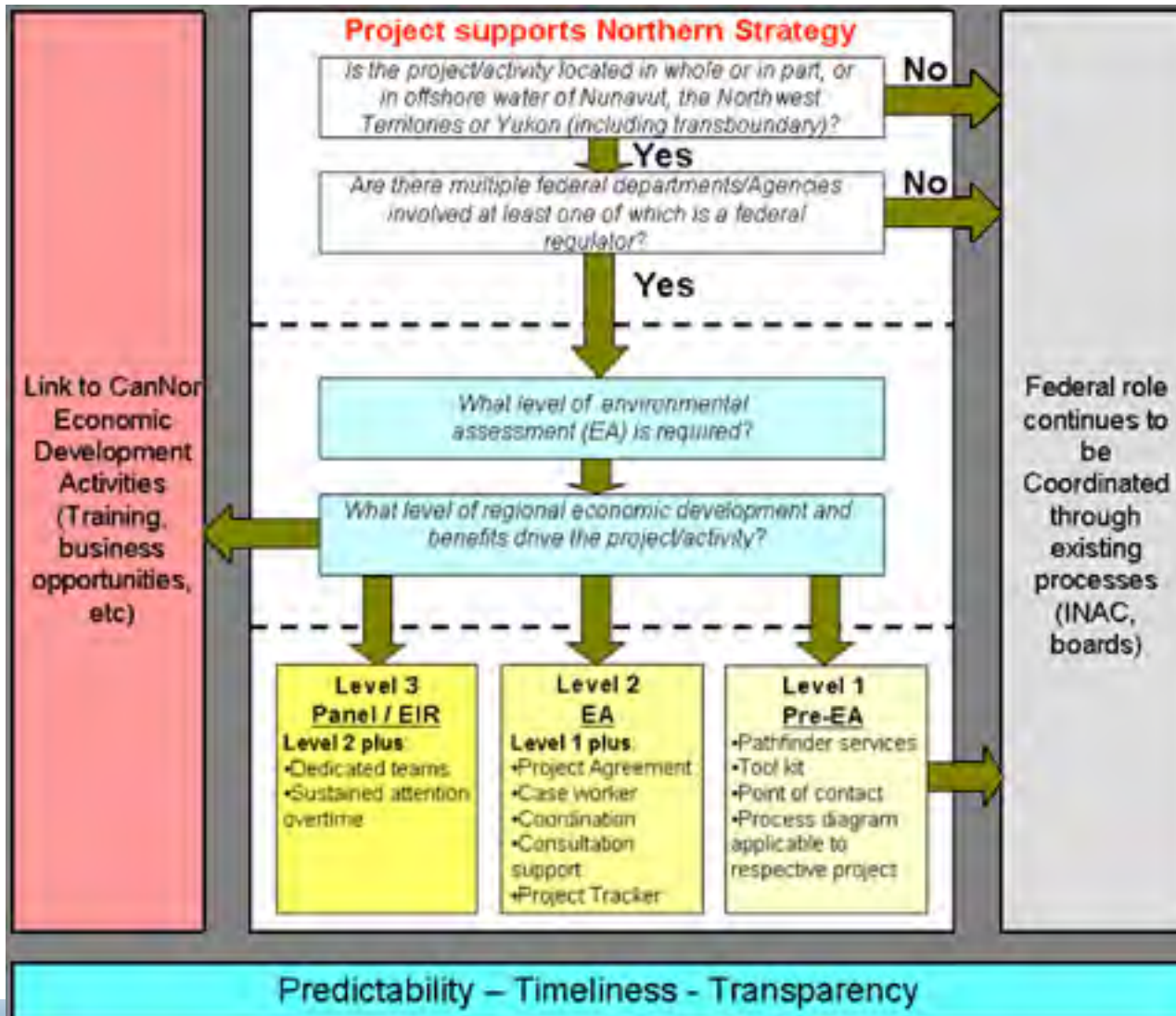
- NPMO approach will be:
  - responsive,
  - not a regulatory role-- distinct from INAC
  - an impartial convenor and honest broker in regulatory systems

NPMO will:

- provide guidance and tools to proponents who require assistance
- work in partnership with Boards, Territorial and Aboriginal Governments, and Regional Federal Councils
- enhance federal departments collaborative working relationships



# NPMO Approach



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# Crown Consultation

- Consultation

- NPMO will support:

- Facilitation of a “whole of government approach” to early, effective and meaningful engagement
- Effective integration of federal consultation in meeting the Crown’s obligations in EA and permitting processes

- NPMO will maintain the official Crown consultation record for NPMO projects receiving coordination services

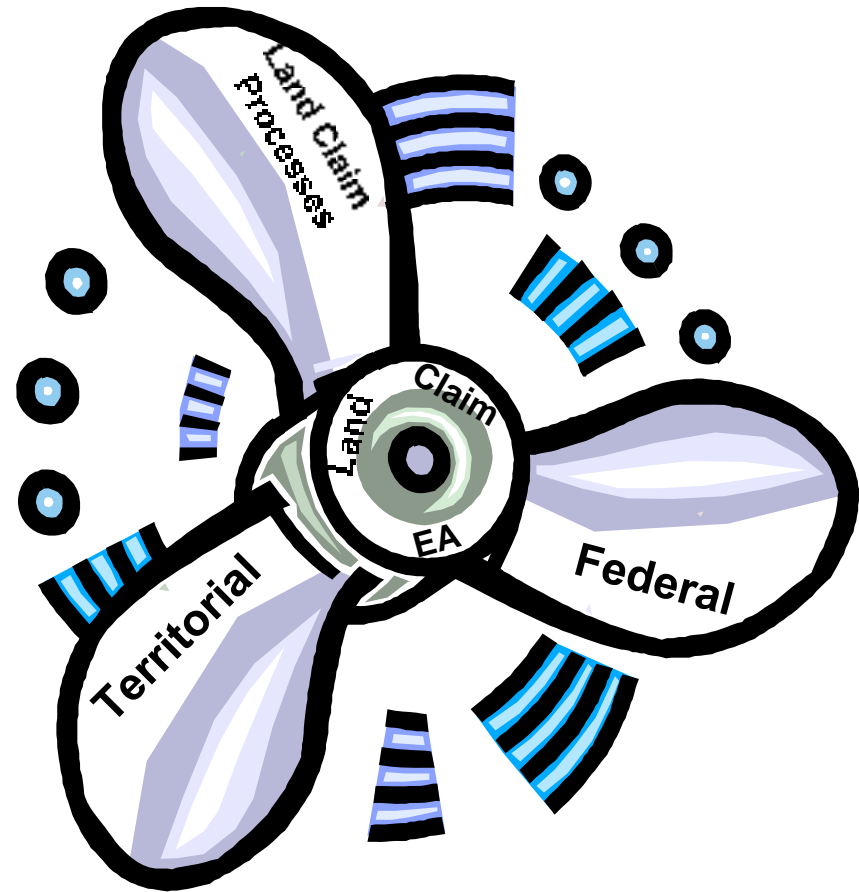
- Tools such as projects agreements and Tracker will be used to deliver these responsibilities





# MOUs

- Federal MOU
  - To improve effectiveness of collaboration and cooperation between federal regulators
  - MOU will identify specific approaches
  - Signed by Deputy Ministers
- Proposed MOU- Northern Resource Management Boards
  - To support effective federal participation in EA and regulatory processes established pursuant to land claim agreements







# Project Agreement Templates

- Government's commitment to timeliness, predictability, transparency
- Will be developed for each project
- Will include project-specific:
  - key steps
  - service standards and timelines
  - work plans to meet standards and timelines
- Publically available



# NPMO Online Tracker

- **MOU between MPMO and NPMO to share single platform/database for both offices**
  - Data analysis underway to support design of system functionality and ensure information is relevant to northern environment
  - Public access to Tracker will start concurrent with launch of NPMO
- **Main Uses:**
  - tracks/monitors progress
  - Identifies delays/bottlenecks
  - supports progress reporting against service standards/target timelines
- **Broader System Objectives**
  - **transparency** by providing project review info to the public
  - **accountability** by tracking progress of departments in meeting timelines
  - **project management** tool to support federal coordination
  - collected data informs **longer-term system improvements**





# NPMO Reporting

- Report to the CanNor DM and Minister as needed
- Oversight to be provided by MPMO Deputy Ministers' Committee
- Reporting to public through Tracker system



# NPMO Business Practices

- Distributed team
- Results and outcome-focussed
- NPMO will be a project management organization
- Project management practices based on internationally accepted approaches (PMBOK) will be used
- Risk assessment will be used at initiation of project management agreements



# Next Steps

- Engagement on continued development and engagement on tools



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