

Management Response to Recommendations in the 2007 Mid-term Evaluation of the Northern Ontario Development Program

Recommendation # I -

FedNor determine the benefit and cost of collecting performance measurement information on project outcomes beyond the project end date of projects. If appropriate, FedNor should extend its performance measurement system to capture these longer-term results.

Response: Agreed. **This will need to be done in conjunction with an assessment of organizational structure and resources.** Timeframe: Twelve months.

Recommendation # II

FedNor strengthen mechanisms and formalize ongoing edit checks to ensure data quality, including:

- **consistent comparison of intended and actual outcome data for each project;**
- **both, program officers and proponents report on final results independent of intended outcomes captured at the project launch stage;**
- **analyze minimum, maximum and most frequent values for indicators;**
- **create separate sub-indicators based on project grouping with unique outcome characteristics;**
- **address concerns, anomalies with data and indicators as required;**

Response: FedNor agrees to strengthen mechanisms and formalize ongoing edit checks to ensure data quality. We will ensure consistent comparison of intended and actual outcome data for each project, analyze minimum maximum and most frequent values for indicators, and address any concerns or anomalies with data and indicators as required. **Timeframe: Initiate within nine months.** However, FedNor will need to assess the cost benefit of creating separate sub-indicators based on project grouping with unique outcome characteristics; and the options that may be available for ensuring separation of results data capture (at launch and at project completion). We propose to review these options while assessing the cost benefit of extending data capture beyond the project end date (recommendation #1) since these have organizational structure and resource implications. **Timeframe: Twelve months.**