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## **RE: Indorsement of the Indigenous Evaluation Network**

The Future Skills Centre (FSC) recognizes that Canada's economy is evolving rapidly as a result of technological, demographic, environmental, and geopolitical change. That change inevitably alters the nature of work—creating new opportunities, but also engendering new threats. FSC was conceived to address those opportunities and threats by fostering a more responsive skills development ecosystem.

FSC is a pan-Canadian initiative, connecting ideas and innovations generated across Canada so that employees and employers can succeed in the labour market, and to ensure that local, regional, and national economies thrive.

We aim to help all Canadians benefit from effective skills development and seek to ensure an inclusive approach to supporting underserved groups such as women, youth, Indigenous peoples, newcomers, racialized peoples, LGBTQ2S+ peoples, persons with disabilities, veterans, and Canadians living in rural, remote, and Northern communities.

As part of our commitment to working with under-served communities and populations, we are developing evaluation and impact strategies in collaboration with our partners.

For that, we welcome the opportunity to contribute to and support the critical work of the Indigenous Evaluation Network, to continue listening to the leading voices of evaluators in the network to inform and partner on FSC work and assist in building a unique evaluation platform that informs strategy and improve granting.

We look forward to being part of this network and working together to integrate Indigenous evaluation practices to guide our work moving forward.

Sincerely,

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