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**INDIGENOUS WORKS LAUNCHES EMPLOYMENT EQUITY PROGRAM FOR COMPANIES
ACTING ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION CALL TO ACTION 92**

SASKATOON— Indigenous Works has launched a new Accelerate program designed to help Employment Equity companies improve their compliance reporting. This new Accelerate Program will support company efforts to ensure they are inclusive and accessible to Indigenous peoples. With most companies asking, “where do we begin?” the all new Accelerate program will equip them with tools and skills to increase their equality in the workplace.

“We work with the employers that have reached out to us to develop workplace inclusion and partnership strategies to increase their employment and engagement practices across Canada,” says Indigenous Works CEO Kelly Lendsay, “but this new program offers tools and strategies for those companies who don’t know how to get started or who to call. Our tools, educational series and assessments will help companies as they prepare for increased measures in employment equity reporting this year.”

The Accelerate program can also help companies respond to the Truth & Reconciliation Report Call to Action 92, which calls for corporate Canada to act on reconciliation with Indigenous people. The new Accelerate program customized for employment equity firms will help them respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Call for Actions.

Indigenous Works was established in 1998 as the Aboriginal Human Resource Council. Over the past 19 years, Indigenous Works has built human resource strategies and inclusive workplaces, including the Inclusion Continuum, a 7-stage roadmap to become a workplace of choice for Indigenous people and the new Partnership Model, a 7 stage road map to become a partner of choice.

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Indigenous Works is an ISO certified non-profit organization that helps leading Canadian companies, and Indigenous economic development corporations become employers-of-choice for Indigenous people and companies-of-choice for Indigenous partnership development. An overview of its advisory services and products is available at indigenousworks.ca. For more information please contact Harmony Redsky, Marketing & Communications Director at (807)464-2929.