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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund Hosts 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Awards - Celebrating Aboriginal Business -

**THUNDER BAY, ON:** Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund (NADF) is pleased to host the “24<sup>th</sup> Annual NADF Business Awards at Thunder Bay’s Valhalla Inn, Ballroom to celebrate Aboriginal business. Eight award recipients from northern Ontario will be recognized for their achievements in business at a dinner event on Thursday, October 30, 2014.

Brian Davey, Executive Director is pleased to welcome Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Stan Welsey, and Mr. Ovide Merecredi, former Regional Chief and National Chief for the Assembly of First Nations, as this year’s keynote speaker.

Celebrating its 24<sup>th</sup> year, the annual business awards is a fundraiser for the Dennis Franklin Cromarty Memorial Fund, a academic bursary fund for Aboriginal students; and the NADF Sponsorship Fund, a fund that provides donations and sponsorships.

**Media are invited to a press conference:**

<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 5:00PM</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>Ballroom 1, Valhalla Inn 1 Valhalla Inn Road, Thunder Bay, ON</b>

**Interviews and photo opportunities will be available upon request.**

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For more information on Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund and Annual Business Awards, visit [www.nadf.org](http://www.nadf.org).

#### **ABOUT NADF**

*Incorporated in 1984, Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund (NADF) is a non-profit economic development corporation providing financial assistance (commercial loans, equipment leasing and grants), resource sector support and business counseling services to Aboriginal businesses and entrepreneurs, on and off-reserve, in northern Ontario, including Treaty #9, #3, #5 (Ontario portion), and Robinson-Superior 1850 Treaties. NADF’s goal is to empower northern Ontario’s growing Aboriginal population through business development and entrepreneurship by providing support and expert advice for all their business needs.*