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A Partnership Solidified – Memorandum of Understanding

Ottawa, December 6, 2011 - Today, The Institute of Public Administration of Canada and the Assembly of First Nations join forces at the 2011 Special Chiefs Assembly held in Ottawa to formalize their partnership in fostering public sector excellence.

The partnership signifies the commitment to strengthen the collaboration between both organizations and to share knowledge and experience in a range of public sector matters.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by AFN National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo and IPAC President Maria David-Evans.

In his opening remarks at the Special Chiefs Assembly, National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo commented on AFN's progress saying "First Nations are driving change through advancing their own governments, building capacity and accountability through taking on greater responsibilities."

"This MOU gives us the platform at both the national level as well as in our Regional Chapters to share experiences, jointly hone our administrative skills and build collegial networks from a base of mutual respect and partnership. This will support and promote our aim of excellence in public service for all Canadians." said Maria David-Evans, President of IPAC.

The Assembly of First Nation is the national organization representing First Nation citizens in Canada. Follow AFN on Twitter @NCAtleo, @AFN_Comms, @AFN_Updates.

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