

Backgrounder Uranium Development Partnership

Canada is the world's largest producer of natural uranium.

As the world moves to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, many countries including Canada are looking to nuclear power as a source of clean, reliable electricity.

The expansion of the nuclear industry around the world offers an opportunity for Saskatchewan to add value to our raw uranium resources, grow our economy, create new jobs and contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The Government of Saskatchewan has established the **Uranium Development Partnership** with a mandate is to identify, evaluate and make recommendations on Saskatchewan based opportunities for value added development of our uranium industry.

The 12 member partnership includes representatives from the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina, urban and rural municipalities, business, labour, First Nations, the environmental community and Canada's nuclear industry.

Dr. Richard Florizone has agreed to chair the Partnership.

Dr. Florizone currently serves as Vice President of Finance and Resources at the University of Saskatchewan.

Originally from Prince Albert, Dr. Florizone graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with degrees in Engineering and Physics and holds a PhD in Nuclear Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Under Dr. Florizone's leadership, the Uranium Development Partnership will consider opportunities for further value-added development of Saskatchewan's uranium industry.

In conducting its work, the Partnership will also identify:

- challenges to further development and actions required to address those challenges;
- investment requirements and timeframes; and
- legislative, licensing and/or regulatory conditions required to move forward.

The Partnership will also identify research and development opportunities, labour force requirements and related education and training capacity required to support the further development of the uranium industry in Saskatchewan.

Finally, the Partnership will make specific recommendations on value added opportunities best suited to Saskatchewan.

To support the work of the Partnership, the Government of Saskatchewan will provide up to \$3 million in funding through the Crown Investments Corporation.

The Partnership will provide a final report to the government by March 31, 2009.

While the Partnership's work plan does not include submissions from the public, the complete Partnership Report will be released as part of a full public consultation process.

The government will use both the Partnership Report and public input to make decisions on how best to develop Saskatchewan's uranium industry, create new jobs, generate clean energy and support the long term prosperity of our province.

Uranium Development Partnership Members:

Dr. Richard Florizone is Vice President of Finance and Resources at the University of Saskatchewan and holds a PhD in Nuclear Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ray Ahenakew has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Meadow Lake Tribal Council and President of the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology where he is currently serving as Business Development Advisor.

Keith Brown represents the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. Keith is President and founder of Trailtech Inc in Gravelbourg and has served as Chairman of the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Development Partnership.

Neil Collins is a 30 year veteran with SaskPower and currently serves as Business Manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 2067.

Allan Earle is President of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association and Mayor of the Town of Dalmeny.

Jerry Grandey is the President and CEO of Cameco Corporation, the world's largest publicly traded Uranium producer headquartered right here in Saskatoon.

Jim Hallick is Vice President of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and a Coucillor for the RM of Keys.

Duncan Hawthorne is the President and CEO, Bruce Power Inc.. Mr. Hawthorne also serves as Chair of the Canadian Nuclear Association, Director of the Energy Council of Canada and is a member of the Board of Governors of the World Association of Nuclear Operators.

Armand Laferrere is President and CEO of AREVA Canada. With 925 employees in Saskatchewan and 65,000 employees in 43 countries, AREVA is a world leader in nuclear power and is active across the full nuclear fuel cycle.

Dr. Edward Mathie is Professor of Nuclear Physics at the University of Regina and a member of the Canadian Association of Physicists, the Canadian Institute of Particle Physics and the Canadian Institute of Nuclear Physics.

Dr. Patrick Moore is co-founder of Greenpeace, former President of Greenpeace Canada and a former Director of Greenpeace International. Dr. Moore currently serves as Chair and Chief Scientist of Greenspirit Strategies Ltd in Vancouver, B.C.

Alex Pourbaix is President – Energy, Trans Canada Corporation with responsibility for the company's power, gas storage, Liquefied Natural Gas and compressed gas businesses.