



Dennis Bevington
Member of Parliament
Room 930, Confederation Building
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Media Advisory

July 23, 2009

Bevington Applauds Small Business Internship

YELLOWKNIFE – It's the season for summer students and summer interns, and Industry Canada's Small Business and Marketplace Services Sector has created The Small Business Internship to help small and medium sized businesses provide jobs and compete during these trying economic times.

Western Arctic Member of Parliament Dennis Bevington calls the SBIP Youth Employment Strategy, "a great initiative, and use of future talented workers."

Executive Director of the Smart Communities Society, Cheryl Deforest, says "Industry Canada's SBIP is a collaborative effort with Canadian small businesses, Colleges and Universities, and NGOs which offer promising students the hands on experience and exposure to e-commerce and coaching they need to succeed in today's work world."

Small and Medium sized businesses submit an application to the organization delivering the program in their area. If their application is approved, they can hire a student intern, which can help them take advantage of the information and communication technologies to help their business grow.

"It's a great initiative and investment for the businesses and interns, which the Federal Government will help cover costs by reimbursing 75 percent of the eligible costs, up to a total of \$10 thousand dollars," Bevington added.

-30-

For more information:

Josh Campbell
Office of Dennis Bevington MP
867-669-8817
bevind1@parl.gc.ca

Ms Cheryl Deforest
Executive Director
Smart Communities Society
cdeforest@looknorth.ca
867-873-6451