



St. John's, Nfld. SHAWMONT TO PROVIDE DAM SAFETY REVIEW

March 9, 1996... A St. John's engineering and project management company has obtained a contract to provide dam safety review services in the Ukraine. ShawMont Newfoundland Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Calgary-based international engineering, construction, environmental and systems engineering company, AGRA Industries Limited.

Bert Peach, president of ShawMont, said the company was awarded the contract, in association with Le Groupe S.M. of Sherbrooke, Que., by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

"The contract calls for the provision of an independent assessment of dam safety issues related to hydro dams in Ukraine," said Peach. He said the six month project will involve travel to Ukraine this year, with additional work being carried out at ShawMont and Le Groupe S.M. offices in St. John's and Sherbrooke.

ShawMont Newfoundland provides engineering and project management services for major industrial, energy and resource development projects in Canada and internationally. (Evening Telegram)

CONFEDERATION COLLEGE AIDS SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

On Jan. 18, 1996, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, André Ouellet, informed Confederation College and its consortium Canadian partners - University of Waterloo, University of Saskatchewan, and Parkland Community Futures (Manitoba) - that the SBEDIF project proposal (Small Business Enterprise and Economic Development for Ivano-Frankivsk) in Ukraine had been approved and would be funded through the Canadian International Development Agency. This multi-faceted, multi-million dollar, five-year project will be a first initiative of its kind in Ukraine. It will involve extensive participation of many Canadian and Ukrainian citizens both in Canada and the Ivano-Frankivsk region.

The project goal is to assist Ukraine in promoting the growth of the private sector through encouraging small business and economic development at the community level. The proposal (SBEDIF) addresses the small business needs of the Ivano-Frankivsk community. It will provide business start-up stimulus through market economy promotion, planning, physical resources and financial resources, appropriate training for entrepreneurs, sustainability through train-the-trainer programs, strategic planning at local government levels and institutional building at the private and government levels. SBEDIF represents a fully integrated

approach to small business development at the local level.

SBEDIF components include:

1. The creation of a sustainable structure of support systems for the start-up and growth of small business in the Ivano-Frankivsk oblast including:
 - entrepreneurship training
 - small business loan program
 - business incubator
 - business English language training
2. Assistance to the Ivano-Frankivsk city and oblast governments to stimulate overall economic development in the region through local institution and capacity building.
3. Establishment and promotion of trade linkages between Ivano-Frankivsk and Canada.
4. Promotion of entrepreneurial culture and attitude in the City and Oblast of Ivano-Frankivsk.

Ideally, a small business development model will be developed that could be replicated in other parts of Ukraine and other emerging market economy countries.

Individuals interested in supporting or getting involved in the SBEDIF project can contact Bohdan Domansky, SBEDIF project coordinator, Northwest Enterprise Centre, Confederation College, (807) 475-6110.

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