Welcome to the first “Toolkits” section of the Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development. This section will be a regular feature in future issues. In it, we will publish practical articles of interest to economic development officers and others actively involved in business, community and economic development. While we expect the topics to vary widely, all the articles will have one thing in common. They will contain information and tools useful to practitioners in their day-to-day activities. We hope you find that the article that follows on the use of the internet in business planning meets this test.

To ensure that future articles do, we want to hear from you. Do you have ideas for future articles? Do you have a particular tool or approach that you feel others might find useful? Are you willing to share it? Are you searching for a tool or approach to tackle a particular challenge or problem? What is it? If you are searching, so are others. Maybe some have found something they can share.

Some ideas under consideration are cash-flow projections for new ventures, market research, structuring of joint ventures, writing
effective business plans, monitoring, feedback control systems for venture performance, and annual reports as effective communications tools. We are sure that there are many other possibilities. Please offer your suggestions to the toolkits editor using the contact information below.

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