

## Editors' Comments

Welcome to the 12th Issue of the *Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development* (JAED), co-published by the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO) and Captus Press. If you are receiving this issue as part of your conference package for CANDO's 16th Annual National Conference and General Meeting, taking place in Enoch, Alberta, welcome!

This issue marks the 10th year of partnership between CANDO and Captus Press in bringing you, our readers, this unique, informative, and interesting journal. Through this journal, we hope to bring together ideas, research, and experience in way that can inform and guide future Aboriginal economic development activities, corporate preparedness and community involvement, and the creation of meaningful and supportive federal and provincial government policy.

To many of our avid readers, the first two sections—Lessons from Experience and Lessons from Research—will be familiar. However, beginning with this issue and carrying forward to future issues, we have added a third thematic section focussing on the current and emerging State of the Aboriginal Economy. It is our hope that readers will not only continue to submit pieces to the first two sections, but that they will also respond to the introductory materials presented on the current State of the Aboriginal Economy in Canada in this issue: a summary of the AFN report, a review of the Federal Framework, and an early response to the Federal Framework by the Native Women's Association of Canada.

It is important that Aboriginal economic development and political leaders who are creating and strengthening their own unique approaches to community and business development bring forward and share ideas and examples how the “new” economy and emerging government policies are impacting their communities—for better or for worse. We look forward to hearing from you!