We learn from the experiences of others. The Best Practises section is intended to highlight the practises that others have found effective, to report and analyse why and how things work in practise and to serve as a source of ideas for those engaged in the complex day to day development work within Aboriginal communities. Once a year, we intend to highlight those who have been nominated for CANDO economic development awards in the belief that their experiences illuminate some of the best practises in the economic development community.

In this first issue, we talk with Keith Martel, Chair of the Board of Directors of the First Nations Bank of Canada about the role of the Bank in economic development. We also highlight the 1997 CANDO economic development award nominees.

We invite you to send us your stories of what works, what doesn’t and why.