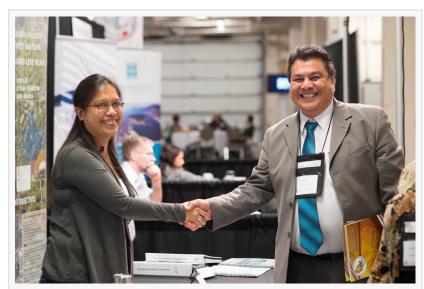


FleishmanHillard Becomes National Partner to The Most Powerful Aboriginal-Driven Business Development Event in Canada

The Aboriginal Business Match (ABM) welcomes FleishmanHillard as the newest addition to its National Partner Group.

KWAKIUTL TERRITORY, PORT HARDY, BC, CANADA, March 23, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- While communications firm FleishmanHillard operates globally, the company has chosen a hyper-local approach to creating deeper and mutually beneficial relationships in the Aboriginal market. FleishmanHillard jumps on board as a National Partner to the Aboriginal Business Match (ABM), a 2.5-day technology-facilitated event connecting Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal decision makers to create opportunities for business, employment and training.



Aboriginal Business (ABM) delegates discuss business opportunities on the tradeshow floor. ABM provides a supportive and confidential setting for pre-selected appointments like these to take place all across Canada.

"Our experience through ABM has been that our clients are committed to mutual benefits, work with us collaboratively to reach goals, and do this with a high level of respect and understanding," says Vice-President of FleishmanHillard Canada, Elisha McCallum. "Our partnership with the Aboriginal



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Elisha McCallum, Vice President, FleishmanHillard Business Match goes hand-in-hand with our continuing work to develop compelling stories of success, encourage investment, share knowledge and develop skills among First Nations across North America."

The <u>National ABM Partners Group</u> provides real-world and bottom-line oriented marketplace expertise, ensuring ABM provides the highest value possible to its decision makers. FleishmanHillard brings authentic, break-through communications services to over 2000 company and community decision makers who make up the National ABM Network.

"With Elisha McCallum, there's no cultural translation necessary," says Principal Partner with ABM, L. Maynard Harry. "Pair that with the integrity and trust FleishmanHillard is known for and you know you're dealing with a company that gets what Aboriginal people are really about. Their addition to the National Partners Group was a no-brainer."

Produced seven times a year across Canada, delegates create a schedule of pre-selected appointments using ABM's sophisticated business matching software. The result is a 2.5-day hyper-productive experience that eliminates geographic barriers, condenses time requirements and reduces costs for business-ready communities and companies to make real deals and connections.

"The partnership we're undertaking is much like our work in the Aboriginal market," McCallum continues. "It is diverse, complex and deeply gratifying and pushes us to think differently about what success looks like. We are excited to see how our current relationships evolve and welcome new partners to collaborate with us to reach a common goal of business success."

The National Partners Group is comprised of Aboriginal and corporate leadership from BDO, FleishmanHillard, Horizon North, McDougall Energy, QM Environmental, Clarence Campeau Development Fund, District of Port Hardy, Kawatsi Economic Development, Gwa'sala-'Kakwaxda'xw Nation, Kwakiutl First Nation, Penticton Indian Band, Province of Saskatchewan, Quatsino First Nation, Regional District of Mount Waddington, Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation, Truck Loggers Association, Vancouver Island Economic Alliance and more.



Vice President of FleishmanHillard, Elisha McCallum, engages with delegates on the tradeshow floor. The company has been part of the National ABM Network since 2013.



Aboriginal Business (ABM) delegates will meet in Kwakiutl Territory, Port Hardy, BC at the Port Hardy Civic Centre from March 27 - 29, 2017.

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For more information about ABM Atlantic visit www.aboriginalbusinessmatch.com

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