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## **Mining Supply & Services “Power Hour” to be included in Prosperity Northwest Event**

THUNDER BAY – Today, the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) released a Mining Supply & Services Association Pre-feasibility Study and outlined planned steps to advance mining supply and service chain development for Northwestern Ontario.

The completed Pre-feasibility study outlines 5 possible options for creating a mining supply and service association for Northwestern Ontario and identifies the level of risk and feasibility of each option. NOACC has elected to proceed with option 5: to create an Activity-Based Mining Supply and Service Sub-Committee that administers mining related activities and events for Northwestern Ontario.

NOACC’s first mining supply & services “Procurement Power Hour”, will be held during the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Prosperity Northwest on September 24, 2014. The event will feature representatives from two developing mines: New Gold in Rainy River and Rubicon in Red Lake. Both presenters are currently active in supply chain development; they will outline their procurement processes and supply and service needs throughout construction and start-up. One-on-one interviews with the procurement managers will be included in conference registration on a first-come, first-served basis.

NOACC would like to thank Fednor and Crupi Consulting Group for their support in completing the study. The full report is available at: [www.noacc.ca](http://www.noacc.ca)

Exhibitor and attendee registration for Prosperity Northwest including the Procurement Power Hour at: [www.tbchamber.ca/prosperity](http://www.tbchamber.ca/prosperity)

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## Background

In 2013, the City of Thunder Bay, Fort William First Nation and Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) released a Mining Readiness Strategy to address and strategically plan for growth in Thunder Bay and the Northwestern Ontario Region.

As one of 45 recommendations, the Mining Readiness Strategy identified the need to develop mining supply chain industrial clusters and suggested pursuit of a Northwestern Ontario Mining Service and Supply Association.

NOACC worked closely with the CEDC in developing the scope of work for a prefeasibility study to review the idea of a mining service and supply association for Northwestern Ontario.

Through FEDNOR funding, NOACC retained Crupi Consulting Group to undertake the pre-feasibility study.