

# Ready, Set, GROW

*Seizing Economic Opportunities*

14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

## First Nations Economic Advancement Conference

September 15–18, 2025 | Thunder Bay, Ontario



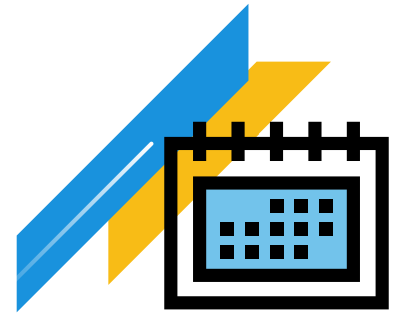
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ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION

**SPONSORSHIP & TRADESHOW OPPORTUNITIES**

# The Ontario First Nation Economic Developers Association (OFNEDA)

is hosting their 14th Annual First Nations Economic Advancement Conference!



SEPTEMBER 15-18, 2025 | VALHALLA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE, THUNDER BAY

This year's conference will incorporate an **Exhibitors area (45+)**, **workshops**, **networking opportunities**, **a gala dinner & awards night**, and **tour opportunities**. Onsite registration will be starting earlier in the day on September 15th, with the conference kicking off later in the day with an **opening reception** where all delegates will get a chance to mingle and begin creating connections. From September 16-18, there will be fulsome discussions on a variety of topics related to expanding economic opportunities, with **two breakouts and plenary session** to meet the varied needs of all delegates in attendance.

## Who Can Attend?

The Conference welcomes Indigenous entrepreneurs, First Nation community leaders, and businesses, as well as non-Indigenous entrepreneurs, organizations, and industry professionals interested in exploring business opportunities and learning about new economic development initiatives that support Indigenous communities and businesses across Ontario.

## Why Participate?

This is a **TERRIFIC** opportunity to meet:

- **Indigenous decision-makers**
- **Government officials**
- **Industry leaders**
- **Professional representatives**

## THIS YEAR'S THEME

# Ready, Set, Grow: Seizing Economic Opportunity

The 2025 FNEAC Conference will feature a dynamic lineup of sessions designed to help businesses and communities identify, analyze, and seize economic opportunities. With a focus on sustainable business success – ensuring ventures thrive for years to come—topics will include business development, strategic partnerships, economic recovery, growth planning, and leadership, entrepreneurship financing access, business start-ups and project management readiness.





# Join the FNEAC Trade Show

## CORPORATIONS/BUSINESS BOOTH:

**\$1200** plus a donated door prize

**ARTISANS \$100.00** (max 10, approval req'd)



All trade show tables are **8'x 10'** draped with a black cloth background with a **6' table**, if desired, and 2 chairs maximum. An exhibitor room is being incorporated for the duration of the conference with set times for delegates to visit with exhibitors.

Prizes donated by the Exhibitors will be used to encourage high traffic flow into the exhibitor areas.

## Benefits OF BEING A SPONSOR OR TRADESHOW EXHIBITOR

- ▶ **Increased visibility** with Indigenous communities, leaders, and decision-makers.
- ▶ Ability to network with **300+** attendees.
- ▶ Opportunity to present your **products and services** to potential Indigenous buyers.
- ▶ Opportunity to **speak** in front of conference delegates.

2025 FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT CONFERENCE

# Sponsorship Packages

ONLY  
ONE  
AVAILABLE

	EXECUTIVE \$30,000	PRESIDENTIAL \$20,000	PLATINUM \$15,000	GOLD \$10,000	LEAD RECEPTION \$7,000
Naming Rights to OFNEDA 2025	✓				
Pop-Up Banner Placement (Foyer/Ballroom)	✓	✓			
Speaking/Panelist Opportunity	✓	✓	✓		
Logo on Agenda	✓	✓	✓		
Corporate Membership	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Strategic Logo Placement	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Digital Sponsor Showcase	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Introduction of Keynote, panel presentation or entertainer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trade Show Booth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on Event Invitations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo & Link on social media & conference portal pages (before & during conference)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo & Link on OFNEDA website (before & during conference)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo in Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Podium Mention	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Passes to Conference	✓ x5	✓ x4	✓ x3	✓ x3	✓ x2

# Sponsorship Packages CON'T.

	<b>GALA DINNER &amp; AWARDS</b> \$5,000	<b>LUNCH</b> \$3,500	<b>PHOTO BOOTH</b> \$3,500	<b>BREAK</b> \$3,000	<b>DIGITAL EVENT SOFTWARE</b> \$2,500	<b>TALENT</b> <small>[ENTERTAINMENT]</small> \$2,000	<b>SMALL BUSINESS</b> \$2,000
<b>QTY Available</b>	2	3	1	6	4	5	∞
<b>Pop-Up Banner Placement</b> (Foyer/Ballroom)	✓						
<b>Trade Show Booth</b>	✓	✓					✓
<b>Logo on Event Invitations</b>	✓	✓	✓				✓
<b>Logo &amp; Link on social media &amp; conference portal pages</b> (before & during conference)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>Logo &amp; Link on OFNEDA website</b> (before & during conference)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>Strategic Logo Placement</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Podium Mention</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Passes to Conference</b>	✓ x2	✓ x2	✓ x2	✓ x2	✓ x2	✓ x2	✓ x2



## IF YOU'D LIKE TO:

- Become a **Sponsor**
- Secure a **Trade Show Booth**
- Ask any additional **questions** or make **suggestions?**

## CONTACT US

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## Don't see the sponsorship opportunity you were looking for?

Here's your chance to design your own opportunity to fit your budget.

*Call us today with your idea, we are flexible and will do our best to make it work!*



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## OFNEDA's focus is to help grow Indigenous economies by:

- Attracting business partners
- Training and skills development
- Entrepreneurship support and development
- Creating connections that make Indigenous communities and businesses more competitive, procurement-ready, and job-generating
- Expanding markets, retaining skilled workers, and building more wealth and sustainability

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