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IRC Launches the IFA-101 eLearning Program

INUUVIK, NT (December 19, 2018) – Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC) Chair and CEO Duane Ningaqsiq Smith is pleased to announce the long awaited launch of the **IFA-101 eLearning Program**. Consisting of four online modules, it is now publicly available on the www.IFA101.com website.

The **IFA-101 eLearning Program** is the first step in IRC's commitment to increasing the understanding of Inuvialuit rights and importance of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA). It is an interactive learning experience consisting of four modules, each of which takes 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

- Module 1 – Introduction to the Inuvialuit
- Module 2 – A Society in Transition, looking back at Inuvialuit history
- Module 3 – The Steps Leading to the IFA
- Module 4 – The Western Arctic Land Claim - IFA

“IFA-101 is timely. Since the signing of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) more than 34 years ago, there is a new generation of Inuvialuit. Many do not have first-hand knowledge of the historical background to the IFA, how the IFA applies to the rights and responsibilities of beneficiaries, and how the IFA affects governance within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. It is through this understanding that we must continue to assert Inuvialuit rights and benefits accorded to Inuvialuit under the IFA,” said Smith. “This will also stress the Governments’ responsibilities of learning and implementing the IFA in a cohesive, proactive manner to ensure accountability to the constitutional protected obligations of Canada’s first comprehensive land claim agreement north of 60.”

The IFA-101 Project consists of three inter-related components:

- IFA-101 eLearning Program
- Annotated and searchable online IFA
- Digital library resource

The IFA-101 Project is the joint efforts of all Inuvialuit organizations and co-management boards. IRC is pleased to take the lead in this important initiative. Moving forward, the next step will focus on the implementation of the IFA and how this living document is a blueprint with powerful provisions to protect Inuvialuit identity and culture in a changing Canadian society, to be equal and meaningful participants in the world economy, and to preserve the land and wildlife.

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