

ISC and LED Overview

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Key Strategic Priorities of ISC

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Transfer Control of Services to Indigenous Partners

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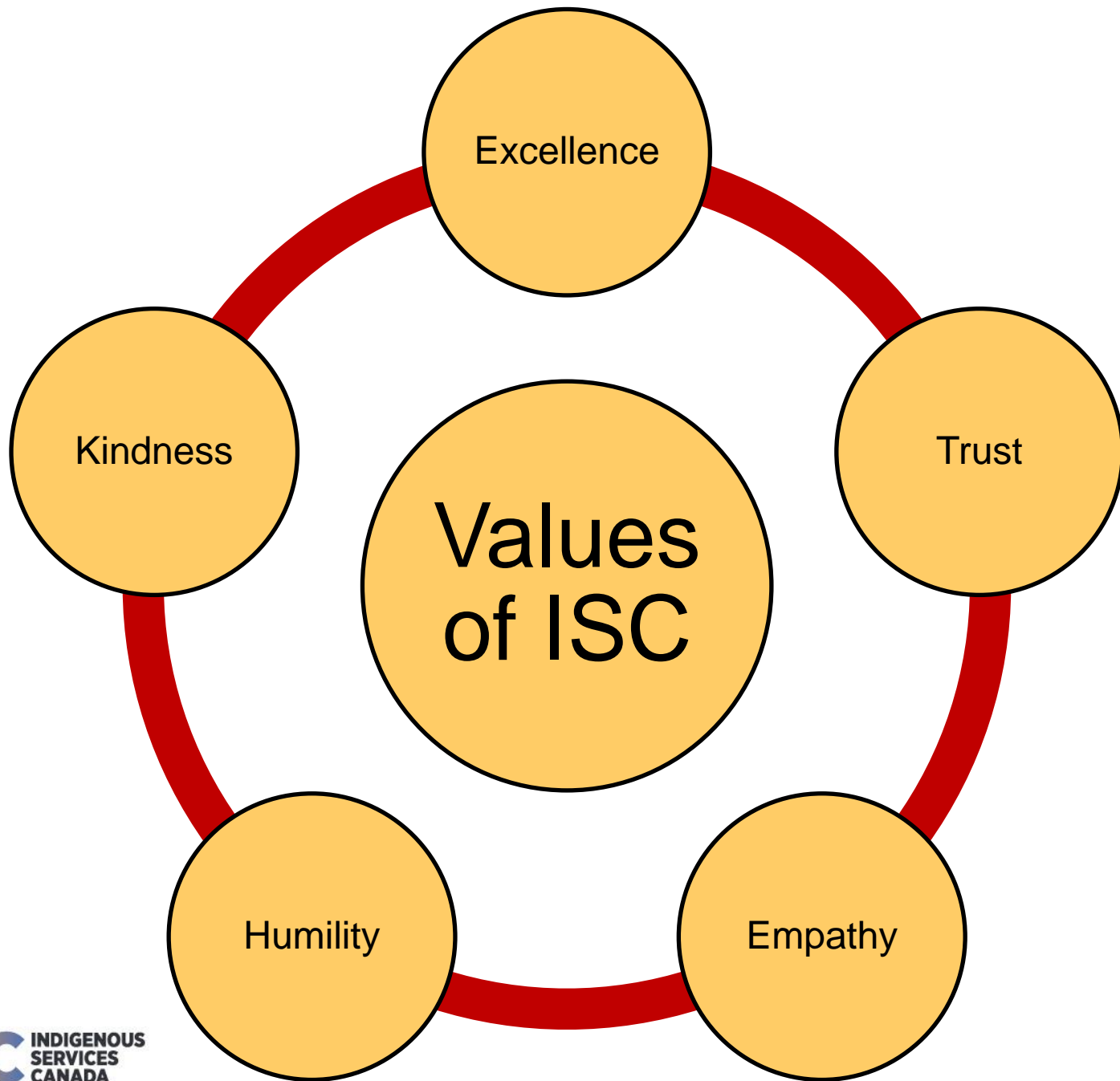
Champion a Culturally Appropriate and High Quality Service Approach

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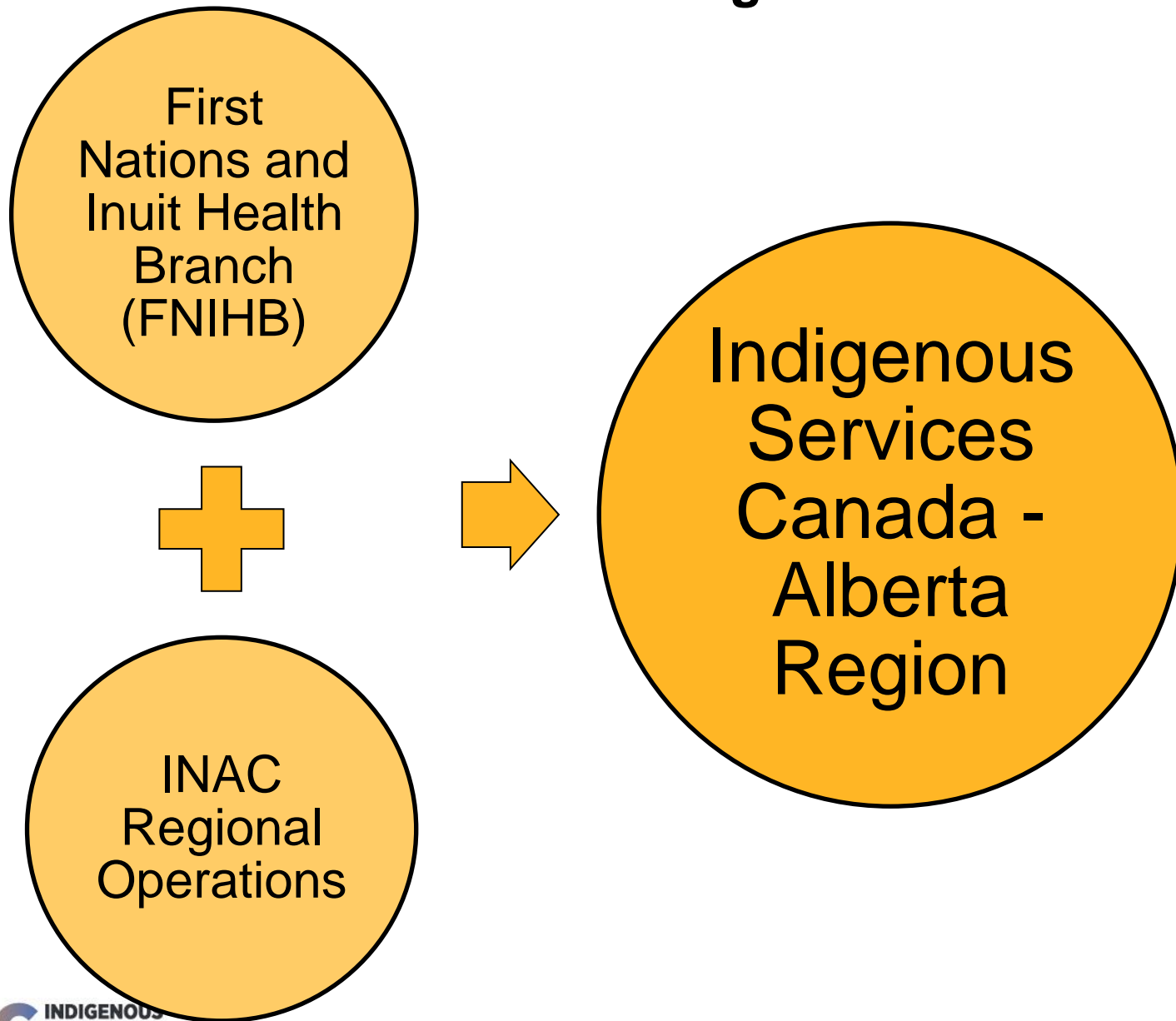
Transform our Practices

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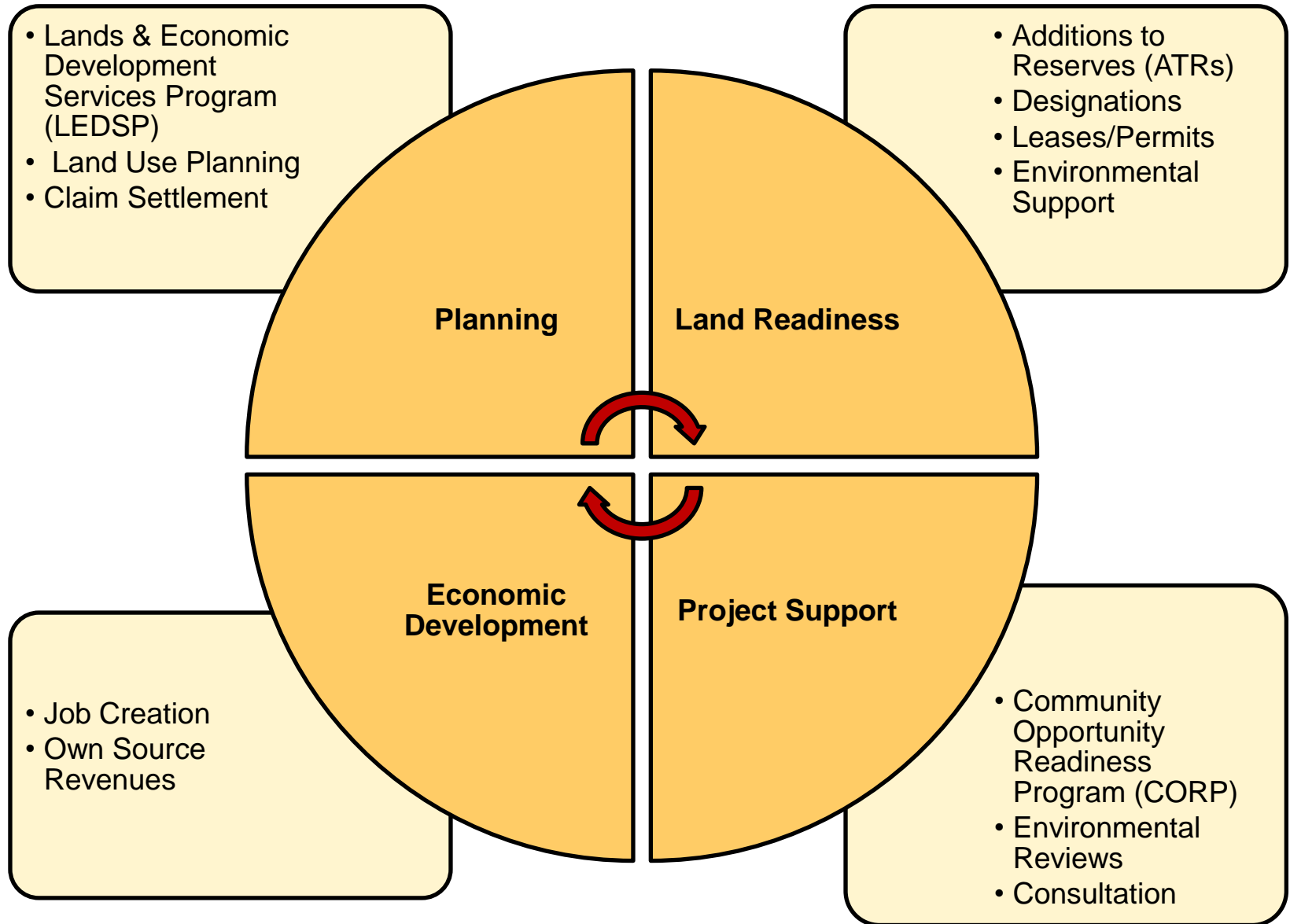
Nurture an Engaged, Respectful, and Healthy Workforce



ISC Alberta Region



LED in a Snapshot



LED – Lands Operations

- The Lands Operations unit is responsible for the negotiation and administration of land tenure instruments on reserve.
- Together with our First Nations partners, we implement, register, and monitor designations, leases, permits and other land instruments to work towards successful economic development projects on reserve.

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LED – Environment and Natural Resources

The Environment Team provides support to the region in the following areas:

- Delivery of the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Program and the Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program
- Delivery of the First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative
- Impact Assessment Determinations for applicable projects on reserve
- Natural Resource Land Tenure for Sand, Gravel and Timber resources on reserve

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LED – Additions to Reserve

- The Additions to Reserve unit are responsible for all Additions to Reserves (ATRs) and Reserve Creations (RC) within Alberta.
- ATR: A parcel of land is added to the existing reserve land of a First Nation.
- Reserve Creations: A parcel of land is added to create a new reserve.
- The ATR Unit advise and assist Alberta First Nations in the completion of ATRs/RCs policy requirements ensuring land is added to reserve.

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LED – Claims and Negotiations

- The claims and negotiation support unit notably advance reconciliation through negotiation support for specific and special claim files, support for RIRSD tables in Alberta and lead in Treaty Relationship Based Funding.
- The unit is progressively increasing involvement in requests for Band Creation / Band Division under the NBBA policy as well as engaging in conversations with Alberta Non-Indian Act Groups.

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LED – Economic Development

- Indigenous Service Canada's Economic Development (Ec Dev) unit works with First Nations communities and their partners to provide a range of services and supports that promote the growth of a strong Indigenous business sector in Canada. Support varies depending upon needs as it is based on availability, other sources of funding, the eligibility requirements, the community economic benefits, and the project viability.
- Support is provided through the following Ec Dev programs and initiatives:
 - **Community Readiness Program (CORP):** Address the financial needs of First Nation communities when they are in pursuit of, and wish to participate in, an economic opportunity
 - **Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP):** Provides support to First Nation communities to assist with enhancing the economic development, land, and environmental capacity of communities, and to support the establishment of the conditions for economic development to occur.
 - **Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI):** An innovative program designed to increase Indigenous participation in complex economic development opportunities

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Budget 2022

Budget 2022 provided an opportunity for Canada to acknowledge that advancing reconciliation requires a commitment to Indigenous economic self-determination.

The Budget announced additional community-level investments that support Indigenous communities' contribution to Canada's economic recovery.

Specifically, the budget provided \$150 million nationally over five years, starting in 2022-23 which will be administered through the CORP and LEDSP programs.

Regionally, this means additional resources under LEDSP targeted and CORP minor projects.

Additionally, \$35M was dedicated to increasing economic capacity supports, including specialized training opportunities delivered by Indigenous-led organizations, working to ensure that all communities are well positioned to benefit from these investments.

Thank you!

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