

# FOREST SECTOR CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO



**FPInnovations is pleased to support Northern Ontario's forest sector and Indigenous businesses through the Ontario Forest Sector Capacity Building (OFSCB) project. This multi-year project will promote and enhance the sustainable use of Ontario wood by taking advantage of FPInnovations' expertise with the support of FedNor and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC).**

## THE GOALS OF THE OFSCB PROJECT ARE TO:

- Build technical and human resources capacity.
- Help deliver Ontario's new forest sector strategy.
- Catalyze innovation and technology uptake within northern Ontario.

Activities must be completed by December 31, 2023.



## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The following three types of activities qualify for the OFSCB project:

**Capacity building activities** provide on-site operational diagnostic, analysis, evaluation, and custom support to existing forestry and wood products businesses. They present opportunities for improving productivity, utilization and, ultimately, the bottom line.

**Best practices workshops** bolster the knowledge and skills of individuals and employers in the forest sector.

**Webinars** provide state-of-the-art information related to forestry and wood processing.

There is a funding limit for each category, and program participants must contribute a minimum of 10% of the cost of the activity.

To date FPInnovations clients have seen an estimated ROI of approximately 10:1 for projects under the program.

Ineligible activities include:

- Capital expenses such as new equipment purchases
- Cost of consultants and training, other than from FPInnovations
- Projects with low impact on the Ontario forest industry or an Indigenous business
- Projects outside of Northern Ontario



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