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TO ALL IBEW FIRST DISTRICT LOCAL UNIONS

Greetings:

The First District Office seeks to establish an Indigenous Circle for those members of the IBEW that wish to participate. The purpose of this Circle is to bring Indigenous members together from across Canada, creating a space for voices and ideas that will strengthen our union and advance our reconciliation efforts.

An initial online meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 7:30 pm EST.

This Circle will aim to connect Indigenous members across our union, share experiences, and bring forward initiatives to better support Indigenous people working in the electrical industry. It will also help the IBEW continue to lead the way in promoting inclusion within the Building Trades and the broader Labour Movement.

We ask that you share this call-out with your membership so Indigenous brothers and sisters in your Local Union are aware of the opportunity to participate in this Circle and contribute to this important initiative.

To receive the meeting login credentials please instruct members to contact Sister Buinimasi via email at kathleen_buinimasi@ibew.org or they can text or call her directly at 613-827-1547.

In solidarity,

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