

PROFILE: MRS. PATRICIA TURNER (PRESIDENT)



Mrs Patricia Turner has worked hard and overcome many challenges in order to become a successful First Nation woman.

Mrs Turner and her family own E.T. Development, which started out as a trucking company 21 years ago. Through hard work and perseverance, Mrs Turner and her family have diversified the company and now E.T. Development also does road building, small salvage operations and community infrastructure construction. Mrs Turner says that it is important for small businesses to keep their eyes open and be flexible, so that they can take advantage of any new projects or developments in their area.

Mrs Turner says it is important for anyone who is thinking of starting a small business to have a strong sense of commitment to the company and themselves. "Let's face it, once you go into business, you sleep with it, you eat with it. You have to cuddle it like it baby, keep it close to your heart and you will grow with it."

On December 10, 2004 the Aboriginal Chambers of Commerce, the first of its kind in Canada, was launched at the Forks Market. The ACC was created help to promote and strengthen Aboriginal business throughout Manitoba.

Mrs Turner was chosen to be the Interim-president of the ACC. She is confident the ACC will prove to be a boon for the Aboriginal business community and will encourage new partnerships between First Nation businesses as well as with non-Aboriginal companies.

"I see the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce making a big, huge impact on the economy of Manitoba and I have a feeling deep in my heart that we will go right across Canada.

Let's all work together and make a better world, a better place for our people to come along."