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## Oral Question 482-19(2): Hiring Local

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on November 05, 2020 regarding work slated for 2021-2022, by community, as well as the percentage of local northern/local contracts the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTHC) utilizes.

The NWTHC is anticipating the delivery of 90 units for major modernization and improvement repair projects and 18 new units across all regions in 2021-2022. In addition, the NWTHC expects to deliver a number of homeownership repair projects in various Northwest Territories (NWT) communities.

The NWTHC continues to be a strong supporter of northern contractors. The NWTHC mainly utilizes a public tendering process for housing projects to support local and northern businesses opportunities.

The utilization of local and northern businesses for this upcoming 2021-2022 delivery is expected to remain at similar levels as in 2019-2020, with up to 96 percent of the Corporation's contracts being awarded to NWT businesses.

The NWTHC tenders its projects as early as possible to allow ample time to ship materials to a community whether by winter road, barge, or highway. This proactive planning allows the NWTHC to ensure the necessary materials are in the community for timely project delivery.

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