

## **FALL 2001 CORPORATE UPDATE - Nichols' Projects**

- Socio-economic impact studies of major oil sands and heavy oil projects for clients including Imperial Oil, True North Energy, CNRL, Shell, and Rio Alto.
- A joint economic and financial evaluation of water system alternatives for two neighboring municipalities.
- A customer survey of technical support services for an international software company.
- Business planning support to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Utilities Task Force. Facilitation of AUMA's review of roles, responsibilities, and resources as these pertain to the provincial-municipal relationship.
- Assistance with a visioning project for the twelve municipal jurisdictions involved in the Calgary Regional Partnership.
- A travel demand study for an accessible taxi service in the City of Edmonton.
- Facilitation, organization, analytical and writing support to an MLA Committee reviewing programs for low-income Albertans.
- Program evaluation support to Alberta Municipal Affairs relating to the Regional Partnerships Initiative.
- An evaluation of the Alberta Child Health Benefit program.
- A strategic review of Alberta's Skills Development Program on behalf of Alberta Human Resources and Employment.
- A labour force analysis in northeastern Alberta, a provincial supply-demand analysis of teachers, and a review of effective practices in labour market programming.
- Tax and utility cost comparisons for the new Town of Jasper.
- A review of industrial land development financing for an Alberta city.
- An analysis of historical funding support to municipalities, with a particular focus on infrastructure. In addition, the firm conducted separate historical funding analyses on behalf of provincial Aboriginal and recreational organizations.
- Preparation of reports and brochures relating to Alberta's technology industries.
- Surveys of ratepayers, parents, and program users on behalf of municipalities, and education and health care authorities.
- Market assessment of an education program delivered by an Alberta university.



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