

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Northeast Alberta Information HUB (Alberta HUB) Increases Membership......

"On behalf of the Alberta HUB membership I am pleased to announce 4 new members. We are proud to welcome the Town of Athabasca, Village of Boyle, Inflight Data and FortisAlbeta to our regional economic development alliance. Alberta HUB is recognized as a partnership of Northeast Alberta municipalities, First Nations, Metis Settlements, Colleges/University, business, and industry committed to developing a strong competitive diversified economy throughout the Alberta HUB region." Mayor Gerald Aalbers, Lloydminster, Chair Alberta HUB

"The Town of Athabasca looks forward to working along side all our regional partners with Alberta Hub. Economic Development is key to the wealth and quality of life for Alberta communities. Working with our Alberta HUB partners will allow our community to further enhance growth and diversify our local economy, which in turn adds to the quality of life for our residents and further increases opportunities for our existing businesses" Mayor Robert Balay, Town of Athabasca

"The Village of Boyle's membership in Alberta Hub creates the ability to promote diversifying our local economy and encourage investment on a larger, regional scale. Through working with our Alberta Hub partners we can create a positive regional environment that enriches quality of life and provides opportunities for our residents. **Mayor Colin Derko Village of Boyle** 

"IN-FLIGHT Data is a CCAB Certified Aboriginal Business located in Alberta with key industrial capabilities in advanced drones, drone training, drone maintenance and artificial intelligence. Our primary aim in working with the Hub is to network with the many Métis and First Nations communities in the Northeast region to foster and support economic development and opportunities for youth. We look forward to building relationships and connections that enable us to work and grow together." Chris Healy, Inflight Data

FortisAlberta is proud to join the Northeast Alberta Information HUB with the unanimous endorsement of the Board of Directors. As a provider of safe and reliable electricity to the municipalities, indigenous communities, academic institutions and business partners that make up the HUB, we look forward to participating in this vital regional partnership and helping to keep northern Alberta's economic engine running. FortisAlberta

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