

# Manitoba Challenges Other Western Provinces

WINNIPEG (CUP) - Entrepreneurship training will soon be available to northern communities all over the West, if the Manitoba department of education can entice other education ministers into signing a distance education agreement.

"The project will involve the four western provinces,

the North West Territories and the Yukon," said Don Lussier, executive director of the newly created Distance Education and Technology branch of the ministry education.

"Our proposal is to use print, computer networks, TV, video and satellite to get this course through to people in remote areas in all six edu-

cational jurisdictions (in the West)," said Lussier.

While the branch is hoping to have the agreement signed by January, they have already outlined a plan of action.

"We have to do a needs analysis to find out what people would like in a course on entrepreneurship, give this

to the jurisdictions to develop the curriculum, and then find out how to reuse or modify resources already out there," said Lussier.

The education level of the people tying into the programme is expected to be college level or more basic.

Manitoba's education minister, Roland Penner, said this proposal is

unique because it is the first time this many educational jurisdictions have worked together.

"There is a large constitution of people living in the north who don't have access to this sort of education," said Penner, "We are hoping to adapt distance education to their needs."

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