

INVITATION TO A

# NEWS CONFERENCE

## “FIRST NATIONS CONNECT” CONFERENCE

“FIRST NATIONS CONNECT “ Conference Host Keewaytinook Okimakanak through the Kuh-ke-nah Network (K-Net) of Smart First Nations Demonstration project, in partnership with Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) and with the participation of Telesat Canada invite the members of the media to attend a

**NEWS CONFERENCE**  
**Thursday, February 14, 2002**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Valhalla Inn Ballroom**  
**Thunder Bay, Ontario**

Two major announcements focussing on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) advances in the Nishnawbe Aski territory will be made at this time.

*The “FIRST NATIONS CONNECT” conference taking place at the Valhalla Inn from February 11 to 14. The conference will showcase IT developments in the NAN region. It will demonstrate to other First Nations from across Canada how technology in the digital age can open new doors of opportunity in virtually all sectors no matter how removed the community is from major markets and services. Delegates will see working examples of on-line applications and services of ICTs. A goal of the conference is to develop a NAN-wide strategy to link all the Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities to the Information Highway. Speakers from the industry, an IT trade show, IT demonstrations and an Internet café will also be features of the conference. The agenda and conference information is posted on the K-Net website at: <http://smart.knet.ca/conference>.*

**To confirm your attendance at the news conference and for further information, please contact the conference coordinator, DKA Marketing, at 807.473.4448**