



## CO-OPERATIVE INNOVATION PROJECT FACTSHEET

### ◆ WHO ARE WE?

The Co-operative Innovation Project is a partnership between the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives at the University of Saskatchewan and Federated Co-operatives Limited.

### ◆ WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We're exploring co-op development in rural and Aboriginal communities in western Canada. We're looking for a new approach that is more responsive to the interests and needs of individual communities.

### ◆ WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

Co-operatives are democratic, member-owned enterprises. They are created to meet an economic, social, or cultural need for their members. The co-operative model can help you provide local solutions that will improve the social and economic life of your community.

### ◆ HOW ARE WE DOING IT?

Over the next few months, we'll be hosting community meetings throughout western Canada. We'll be inviting community members to come and discuss local needs and explore solutions together.

### ◆ WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

- find out how you can address the needs of your community by working together
- give your community a sense of purpose
- feel good about sharing information that will benefit your community
- develop a story about the community-driven activities that have worked well in your area

### ◆ WHAT WILL YOU GET IN RETURN?

- a document that contains a summary of everything we discuss together
- up-to-date information about your community and surrounding area
- a free supper and a chance for door prizes!

### ◆ IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED...

Please contact Rhiannon Klein, Dazaway Parker, or Nicole McLaren at (306) 966-2946.