

# **Establishing the First Nations Infrastructure Institute as part of the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act***

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*“FNII has been designed to build on the successes of the FMA model. It will also be optional to all First Nations. The First Nations and Indigenous organizations that choose to work with FNII will be able to use standardized best practices to plan, procure, own and manage their infrastructure projects.”*

– Allan Claxton, FNII DB Chair



*“... with the success of the FMA, we have created a formula to speed up the process of self-determination and of economic reconciliation: pass federal legislation to open up the jurisdictional space for interested First Nations; occupy that space with our own laws, if First Nations are interested, to fully respect their right to self-determination; and support First Nations who opt-in with First Nation institutions, standards and accredited training to increase the benefits. Bill [C-45](#) is the next step in this process, and it reflects what we have heard from the FMA First Nations. We need our own infrastructure institute.”*

– Manny Jules, Chief Commissioner, FNTC



*“We understand that the infrastructure gap is huge. There’s a big job and a big challenge in front of us. But, working with the other institutions, we feel confident that we can connect with First Nations. We will work with all First Nations and all First Nation organizations to deal with that infrastructure gap.”*

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## Our Mission

To provide the skills and processes necessary to ensure First Nations and Indigenous organizations efficiently and effectively plan, procure, own, and manage infrastructure assets on their Lands.

# What Do We Mean by Infrastructure?

- Water
- Wastewater / Sewer
- Community Energy
- Drainage and Flood Protection
- Transportation
- Connectivity
- Community buildings
  - Administration
  - Recreation
  - Health
  - Education
  - Emergency response
- Other?



# The FNII Approach



1. INDIGENOUS LED

2. INFRASTRUCTURE FOCUSED

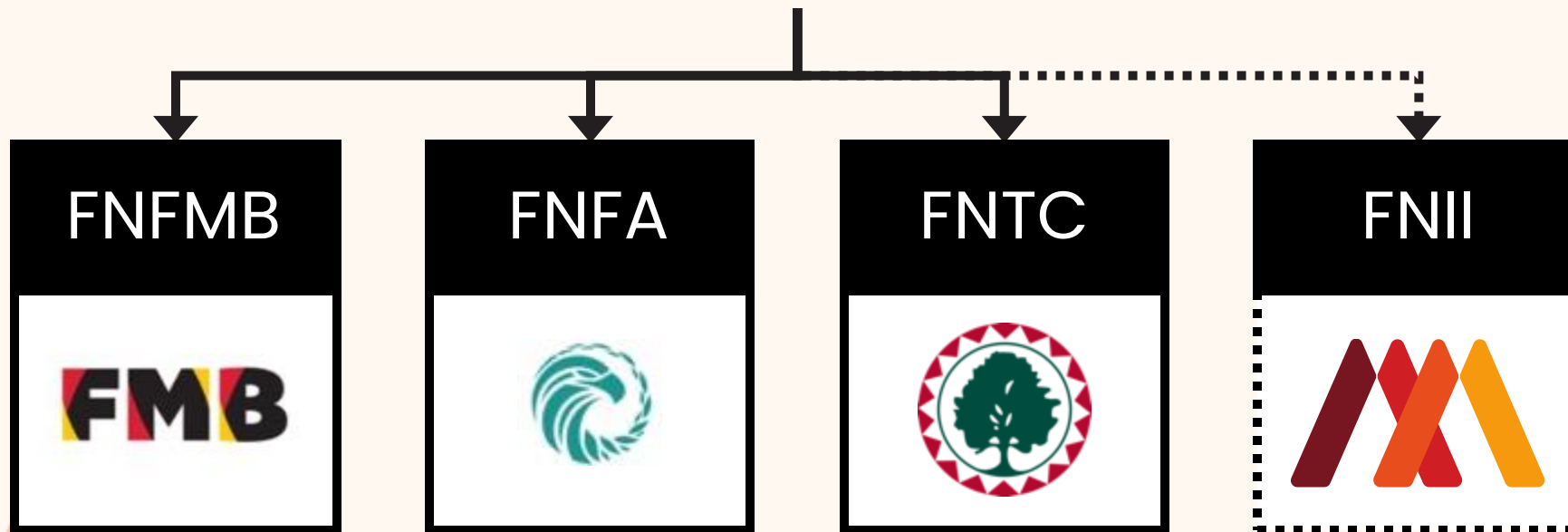
3. LEGISLATION BACKED

4. STANDARDIZED BEST PRACTICES

5. CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

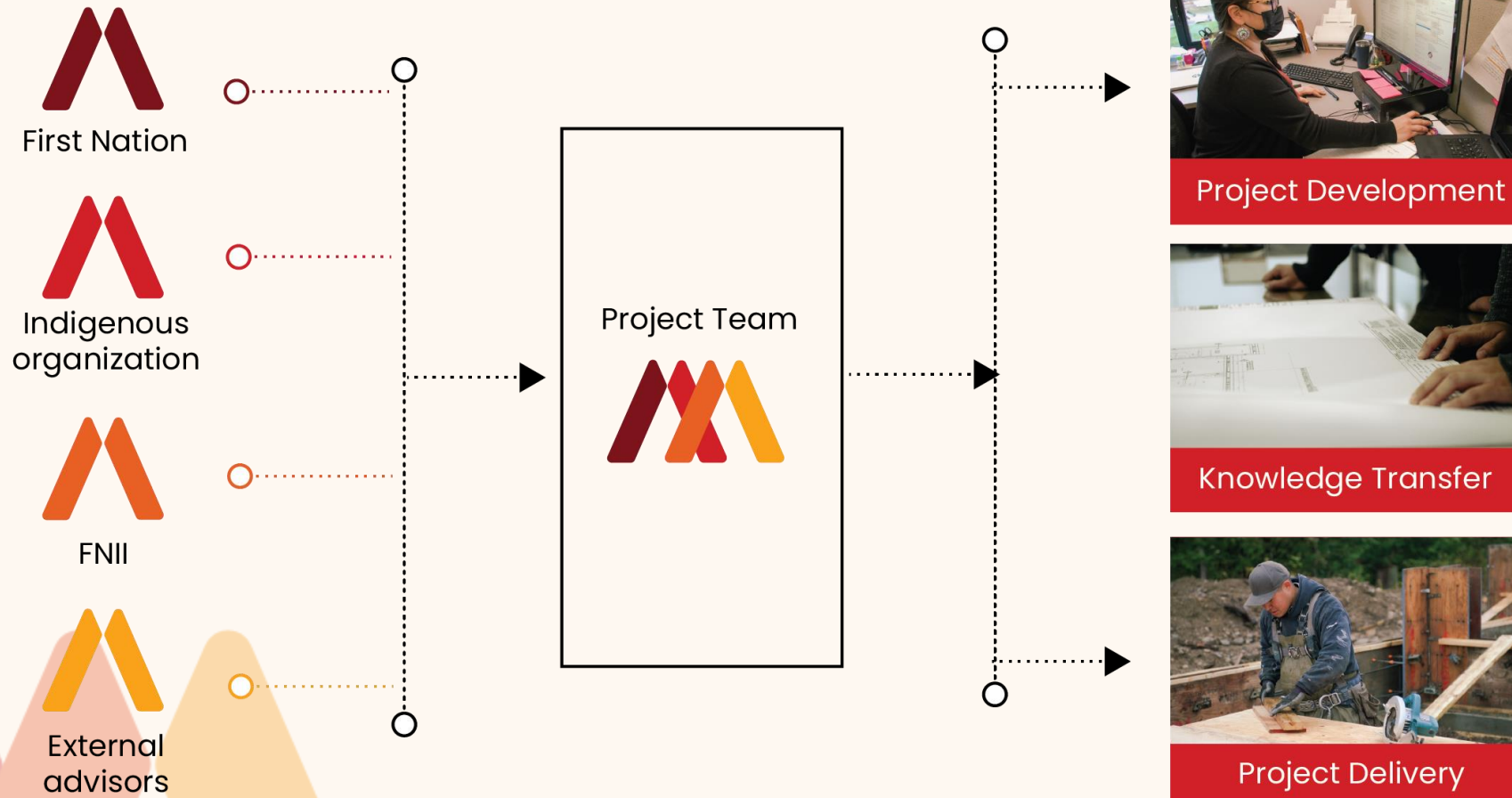
# An optional fourth institution

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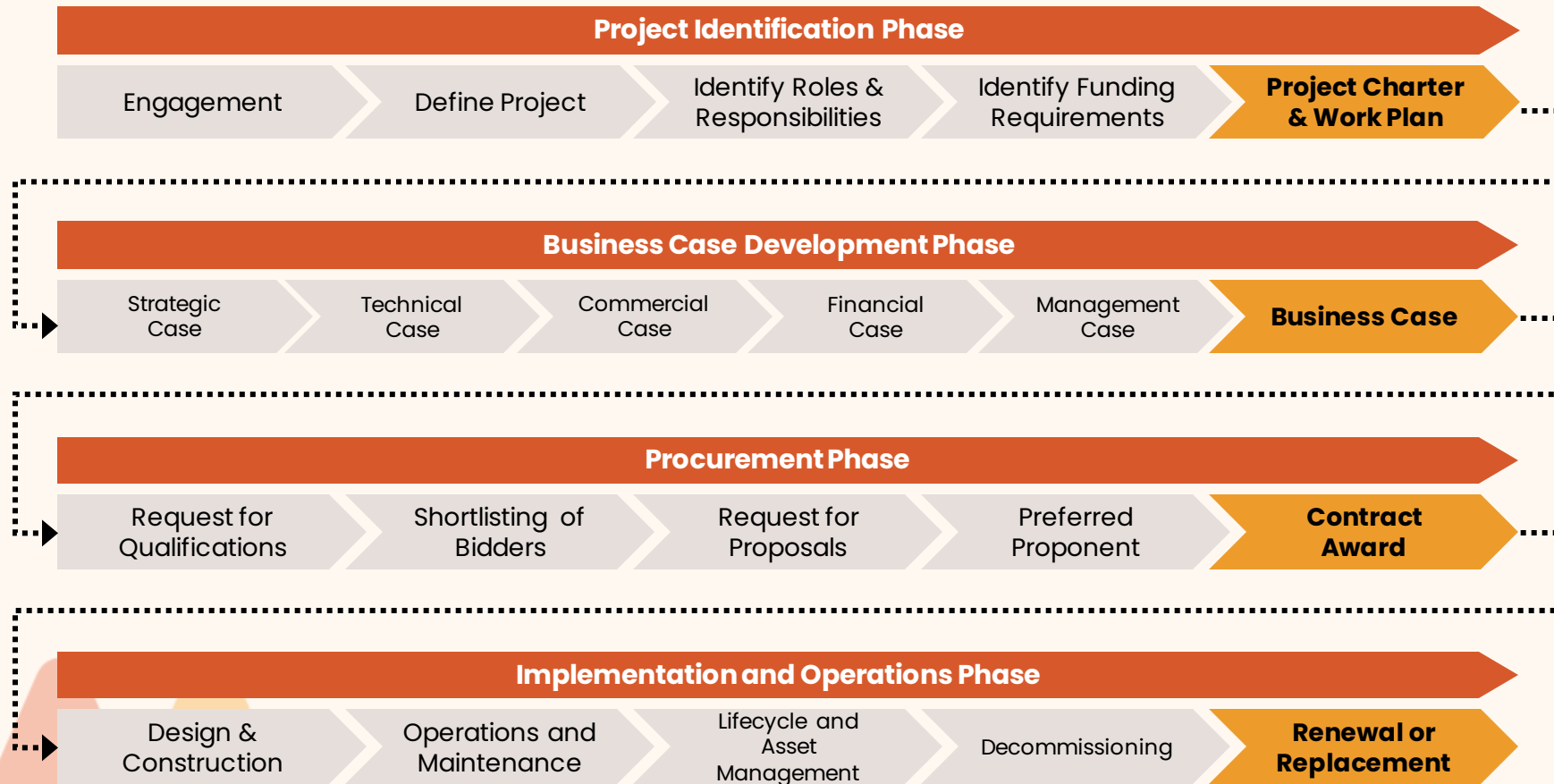
# Working together



# What FNII Is and Isn't

<b>What FNII is</b>	<b>What FNII is not</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An Indigenous-led institute to support First Nations and Indigenous organizations develop projects on time and on budget</li><li>• Capacity developer</li><li>• Technical support / advisory services</li><li>• Complementary body to existing Indigenous-led institutions established by First Nations Fiscal Management Act</li><li>• Supports due diligence on monies invested in infrastructure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not a funding body</li><li>• Not an engineering, architectural firm</li><li>• Not a contractor or builder</li><li>• Not an operator of infrastructure project</li><li>• Not an owner</li><li>• Not a decision maker</li><li>• Not replacing other groups or stakeholders (Tribal Council, Provincial or Territorial Organization, Technical bodies)</li></ul>

# FNII Process



# Thank You!

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