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TO: NS/NU Branches
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From: Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
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Subject: Grants International Experts

Message:

Comrades: You may be or have been contacted by Grants International. The company is contacting RCL Branches across the country. The information that follows regarding the letter and the company has been provided to all Commands from the E.D. of Alberta Command. It is being forwarded for your awareness:

I have done a little research and spoke to the Chapelhow Branch in Calgary. Grants International Experts is associated with an accounting firm in Winnipeg. They walk businesses through completing CRA forms for grants; in the Chapelhow case it was for wages.

The Branch did not sign a contract with Grants International. The company has the Branch fill out the CRA application during a Zoom call. All the funds are paid to the Branch by the government within 7 days of applying. The Branch in turn promises to pay 30% of what ever they receive from the government. I am unclear how Grants International know what the Branch received in the way of payment from the government or what happens if they decline to provide Grants International with payment.

The Branch did not apply for CEWS from the Federal Government. From what I can tell that is what Grants International is walking them through.

One thing which concerns me is the representative from Grants International Experts stated he was a volunteer, but the organization is a incorporated business. I tried calling Grants International, but was left on hold and I finally had to hang up.