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Dear Employment Ontario Partner,

I am writing to inform you about the potential integration of employment and training services across the government with Employment Ontario that was announced in the 2012 Ontario Budget.

In the Budget, the government committed to examining opportunities to improve the efficiency and quality of employment and training services by integrating government-wide services in a carefully sequenced manner, as recommended by the Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services (Drummond Commission).

Specifically, the Budget noted that Ontario will be looking at opportunities to integrate employment and training services across the government with Employment Ontario. As a result, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities will be working with other ministries and partners with a view to better integrating these services while improving outcomes for all Ontarians and making the best use of resources.

Decisions have not yet been made about which employment and training services could be integrated with Employment Ontario. Currently, dozens of employment and training programs exist across eleven different ministries, targeting different client groups and using a variety of delivery networks and methods.

Exploring options for integration will require feedback from a wide range of stakeholders to capture the diversity of perspectives on the ground and to consider which approaches are best suited to the needs of our clients and which are the most effective in delivering services.

I appreciate the partnership we have with our service providers and will continue to seek your input as we continue to explore ways to better integrate employment and training services with supports for Ontarians.

Sincerely,

Todd Kilpatrick
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