



MEMORANDUM TO: EO Network

FROM: Regional Directors

DATE: July 17, 2012

SUBJECT: **Community Planning Pilots**

This fall, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) will be launching a pilot initiative related to local planning. The goal is to pilot a labour market planning approach that is both locally responsive and consistent with a provincial framework. The ministry would like to build on the existing local networks and resources to facilitate a better understanding of community-level best practices.

This is to inform you that the ministry intends to pilot this approach through a series of planning initiatives in six diverse communities across the province:

- Thunder Bay
- Timmins
- Cornwall
- Neighbourhood of St. James Town in Toronto
- London
- Hamilton

Local Boards in these six communities have been invited to assist in the pilot activity by providing “on the ground” planning expertise, tools and resources for pilot implementation. The pilots are expected to begin in September 2012.

The pilots will examine a full range of local employment, human and community services to encourage a comprehensive local planning system and address the broader spectrum of client needs.

At the conclusion of the pilots, the ministry will share findings with the EO network once evaluations are completed in the fall of 2013.

If you have any questions about the pilots or need additional information please contact your Employment and Training Consultant in your local Employment Ontario office.

Sincerely,

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