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MEMORANDUM TO: Ontario Works Administrators
- Municipalities and DSSABs
- First Nations

Social Assistance Operations Division Directors
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FROM: Jeff Butler
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RE: **Canada-Ontario Labour Market Agreements**

This is to advise you that today, the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development, the Honourable Brad Duguid, Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, and the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services, signed the following agreements to help connect Ontarians with available jobs.

Canada-Ontario Job Fund Agreement

The Canada-Ontario Job Fund Agreement replaces the Canada-Ontario Labour Market Agreement (LMA), and provides approximately \$192 million each year for six years. This agreement will continue to help Ontario employment and training programs.

The Canada-Ontario Job Fund Agreement includes the new Canada Job Grant that will help Ontarians gain the skills and training they need to fill available jobs. The Canada Job Grant will provide employers with up to \$10,000 for training costs for an individual worker, including tuition and training materials.

Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities (LMAPD)

The new Canada-Ontario LMAPD will continue to improve employability and employment outcomes of persons with disabilities by removing barriers and increasing employment opportunities. It will replace the current agreement that expires on March 31, 2014.

As you are aware, funding provided under these agreements helps to support Ontario Works Employment Assistance and some Ontario Works employment related benefits. The ministry will continue to ensure these federal funds are used effectively to help maximize employment outcomes for our social assistance clients.

Further information of these agreements can be found at:

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/story/1330413/governments-of-canada-and-ontario-finalize-agreements-to-help-ontarians-get-jobs>

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