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Dear Service Provider:

Over the past year, we have been collectively involved in the Youth Jobs Strategy, \$195 million of which was targeted for the Youth Employment Fund (YEF). The aim of the YEF funding is to create employment opportunities for 25,000 youth in Ontario by leveraging Employment Ontario's network of employment and training services to focus on groups with high youth unemployment.

The Ministry is conducting an evaluation of the YEF in order to better understand how the Fund is meeting our communities' needs. This evaluation has two phases:

- The YEF Implementation Evaluation will provide information to inform the planning and delivery of YEF and is expected to be completed by **December 2014**.
- The YEF Outcome Evaluation is designed to provide evidence and enhanced knowledge of program outcomes to inform program policy, design and delivery and is expected to be completed by **April 2015**.

Goss Gilroy Incorporated was selected through the Ministry's procurement process to conduct the evaluation.

As part of the evaluation process, we look forward to hearing your perspectives in our consultations, as well as the perspectives of other stakeholders, including program participants and employers. Consultations are estimated to begin in the last two weeks of October. We anticipate the evaluation to include surveys and a small number of interviews with service providers.

We will provide updates as the evaluation moves forward. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Hema Vyas, Program Evaluation Coordinator, at 416-326-7944 or [Hema.Vyas@ontario.ca](mailto:Hema.Vyas@ontario.ca)

Thank you,

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