



January 9, 2015

Dear Employment Ontario Service Provider,

I am writing to update you about the work being done to integrate employment and training services across the government.

As you may recall, the government reaffirmed its commitment in Budget 2014 to improving employment and training programs through the integration of government-wide services.

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is moving ahead with increasing clarity on employment and training services integration (ETSI) within Employment Ontario. As part of this process, you will likely recall that the ministry conducted a multi-faceted stakeholder engagement strategy in winter/spring 2014. On behalf of the ministry, I want to thank those of you who participated in these consultations.

Input from stakeholders is vital to ensuring the success of this initiative, and the government is working to ensure that diverse perspectives are heard. I am pleased to share the final consultation reports from this outreach. As part of this process:

- One hundred and fourteen stakeholders took part in the broad-based stakeholder consultations, which included 14 focus groups and 22 interviews across Ontario;
- Ninety-three Aboriginal partners took part in a separate Aboriginal engagement, which included 10 focus groups and 20 interviews across Ontario and,
- Ninety-seven stakeholders participated in eight employer roundtables.

The ministry was pleased with the level of engagement and feedback we received. This high level of participation shows the importance of employment and training issues across the province, and demonstrates the broad commitment to delivering high quality programs and services.

The final consultation reports are now available at <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/>.

A report on the employer roundtables was released by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) and is available on the OCC's website at <http://www.occ.ca/portfolio/moving-forward-together-an-employer-perspective-on-the-design-of-skills-training-programs-in-ontario/?id=26>.

Building on this successful outreach, and recent ETSI developments, the ministry is preparing to launch the next phase of broad-based stakeholder consultation in January and February 2015. Phase two will focus on design, development and implementation considerations related to new initiatives.

MTCU has been working closely with partner ministries and a consulting firm, MNP LLP, to select key partners to participate in this process. **In the coming days you may receive an invitation from Shradha Talwar at MNP to participate in a survey or focus group.** If you have any questions about the consultation process, you can contact Shradha at 647 943 4042, or shradha.talwar@mnp.ca.

I remain committed to sharing with you as much information as possible on these and other important initiatives. Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality employment and training services to Ontarians.

If you have any questions, please contact your local MTCU office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Fulford', written in a cursive style.

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