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Dear Employment Ontario Service Provider,

As you may know, the ministry established the Ontario Centre for Workforce Innovation (OCWI) in February 2016 to serve as a single, coordinated access point for research on evidence-based employment and training approaches in Ontario.

The Centre is a leading-edge centre of research excellence that supports the employment and training services sector in building a skilled, resilient and productive Ontario workforce. It is engaged with the employment and training community to:

- identify and prioritize research and capacity-building needs from the sector's perspective;
- test innovative approaches in service delivery; and
- set up communities of practice to share evidence-based best approaches.

To help fulfil its mandate, the Centre has issued a [Call for Research Proposals](#), seeking prospective researchers to help research critical areas of its mandate. The Centre will be accepting applications until August 15, 2016.

The Centre has asked that the ministry share this information with the EO network. Please distribute this information widely within your networks to ensure that it gets to potential applicants.

For more information, please contact the OCWI research team at [research@ocwi-coie.ca](mailto:research@ocwi-coie.ca).

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment and support.

Sincerely,

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