

November 30, 2017

Dear Employment Ontario partner or postsecondary institution:

I am writing to inform you of funding that is being offered through the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development's Low Carbon Building Skills initiative. Through this initiative, Ontario is helping unions, colleges, universities, and other industry partners acquire new equipment and increase their capacity to train current and future workers to develop low-carbon building skills.

The objective of this initiative is to meet key commitments in [Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan](#). To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the province will require a workforce that is skilled in building retrofits, new green construction and building operations, and energy management. Making sure that workers have the appropriate skills will require a combination of developing the skills of the existing workforce, and training new workers for new opportunities in green building.

Funding through this initiative will ensure that Ontario's workers have the skills needed to deliver on the government's priority of reducing energy use and carbon emissions, through:

- Sector-focused partnerships to support training programs in green building skills,
- New and upgraded facilities and increased capacity to support green building skills training,
- New green curriculum for apprentices, and,
- Research into green labour force needs.

For 2017-18, funding for the Low Carbon Building Skills initiative is being offered through the following competitive calls for proposal:

1. Training Fund for Publicly Assisted Universities and Colleges (\$10M)
2. Training Fund for Non-College Training Delivery Agents (\$10M)
3. Partnership Fund (\$2M)

Interested applicants are invited to submit proposals to the ministry no later than January 15, 2018. For more information, including the available competitive funding streams, how to apply, the eligibility criteria, and detailed questions and answers, please visit the [Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway](#).

To support prospective applicants, the ministry will host an information session on the Low Carbon Building Skills via teleconference on December 5, 2017. Details about this upcoming session will be posted on the [Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway](#). Prospective applicants for either of the Training Funds may forward any inquiries to LCBS.Training@ontario.ca. Prospective applicants for the Partnership Fund may forward any inquiries to LCBS.PF@ontario.ca.

In the meantime, Employment Ontario partners with general questions regarding the Low Carbon Building Skills initiative should contact their employment and training consultant.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us prepare Ontario's skilled workers for the low carbon economy.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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