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Dear Employment Ontario Partner,

I am writing to provide your organization with an update about Employment Ontario (EO) agreements for 2012-13. As the annual business planning process for many of our EO programs will begin within the next few weeks, I am pleased to provide you with some administrative information regarding agreements for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

For 2012-13, the ministry will enter into 12-month agreements for several EO programs, with some exceptions, as outlined below. Please let me reassure you that the rationale behind this decision is purely to streamline the agreement management process.

Those EO programs that will have a 12-month agreement in 2012-13 include: Employment Service (ES), Ontario Self-Employment Benefit (OSEB), Ontario Employment Assistance Services (OEAS) and Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS). For the Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) Program, this 12-month agreement will replace the second year of the current two-year agreement.

For those EO programs, however, that typically span more than one fiscal year, with staggered start dates, the one-year duration for agreements in 2012-13 is not applicable. Programs that will be excluded from a 12-month agreement in 2012-13 include: Ontario Labour Market Partnership (OLMP), Ontario Job Creation Partnership (OJCP), Adjustment Advisory Program (AAP), Sector Initiative Funding (SIF), Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program, and Co-op Diploma Apprenticeship (CODA) Program.

Details regarding Targeted Initiative for Older Workers (TIOW) agreements will be made available once the ministry has finalized discussions with Service Canada about 2012-13 delivery of the program.

It is important to note that EO client agreements – for example, Second Career agreements with clients – are not affected by the one-year duration.

I understand that the Regional Directors will be in communication with you shortly to officially announce the start of business planning for next year.

I want to thank you for your continued dedication to the delivery of high-quality employment and training services to Ontarians. I look forward to continuing to hear about the network's success as we head into 2012-13.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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