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Dear EO Partner,

I am writing to update you about the ongoing transformation of the Employment Ontario network.

Over the last 18 months, we have been working together to change the way employment services are delivered across our province. The new Employment Service network has been a great benefit to Ontarians – improving accessibility to a variety of employment and training programs and services.

Decisions regarding the transformation of the Employment Ontario network continue today, as we move toward our goal of strengthening employment and training programs. As the next step in full implementation of one-stop service, the ministry will no longer support Employment Resource Centres and Practice Firms through the Ontario Employment Assistance Services program, as the same or similar services are now available through the Employment Service network. Affected providers are receiving notification today.

The objective behind these changes is in keeping with our goal of focusing the delivery of employment services through providers offering the full range of services in one location. The ministry will work with Employment Resource Centre and Practice Firm providers to ensure that affected clients continue to receive the employment services they need and are referred to an existing Employment Service provider. Clients will also be able to find updates and search for employment service providers close to them on the ministry's public website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/search.html>.

It is important to note that the ministry will continue to support providers that deliver specialized services, such as those for Persons with Disabilities. Additional policy and program development considerations are required to determine the best way to support job seekers with disabilities.

I want to thank you again for your continued commitment as we work to build a stronger support network to help develop the well-trained and highly skilled workforce Ontario needs to remain competitive in today's economy.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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