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Dear Employment Ontario Service Providers,

I am writing to update you with exciting news on an upcoming initiative. Provincial Budgets 2012 through 2015 have highlighted the government's commitment to move forward with Employment and Training Services Integration (ETSI).

The ETSI initiative is being led by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to better integrate Ontario's employment and training programs from across the government. Our goal is to improve client outcomes and better meet client needs.

In the 2014 Fall Economic Statement, the government highlighted its plan to pilot Local Employment Planning Councils (LEPCs) under ETSI. These LEPC pilots will aim to improve employment and training service planning and labour market conditions in local communities. The LEPCs are expected to become the next generation of local boards. However, the pilots are time-limited and will have no immediate impact on Local Boards and Regional Networks.

The evaluation of the pilots will help determine the effectiveness of the LEPC model and inform further design. Eight communities have been identified for pilot sites including Durham, Peel-Halton, Windsor, London-Middlesex-Oxford, Ottawa, Peterborough, Timmins and Thunder Bay.

To launch the initiative, the ministry will release a [Call for Proposals \(CFP\)](#) on June 22, 2015. This CFP will be open to organizations, or partnerships of organizations, who would like to pilot a LEPC starting in December 2015.

There is no change to regular government business and no impact on clients or service providers at this time. If you have any questions, please contact your local TCU office or LEPC@ontario.ca.

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

Sincerely,

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