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Dear Employment Ontario Service Provider:

I am pleased to share news about the launch of the Canada-Ontario Job Grant (COJG): Customized Training and COJG: UpSkill pilot programs.

The input we received, through the Expression of Interest process, from employers, industry associations, training providers and other stakeholders informed the design of these pilots.

Starting on June 11, 2015, employers and sector groups will be able to access the COJG: Customized Training application form, COJG: UpSkill call for proposal and frequently asked questions on [the public website](#).

COJG: Customized Training

This pilot supports employers with the development and delivery of firm-specific training to meet an employer's unique needs, where no such training exists and the employer does not have the capacity to develop it themselves.

COJG: UpSkill

This pilot funds partnerships to develop and implement sector-based essential and technical skills training tailored to specific sectors, which will support workforce development needs.

The purpose of these pilots is to test alternative models of employer-focused skills training. The results of the pilot will inform the longer-term delivery of the COJG, as well as the future suite of employment and training services available through Employment Ontario.

Our regional staff will be administering these pilots, and selected service providers will be providing case management support, similar to the structure of the COJG program's over 25 trainees stream. We will contact select service providers in the coming months to confirm these case management duties.

There are materials (including questions and answers and an employer deck) to support you in communicating with employers posted on the [Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway](#).

Thank you for your support in the launch of the COJG: Customized Training and COJG: UpSkill pilots.

Sincerely,

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