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Dear **Non College Training Delivery partners,**

Thank you for your contribution to the apprenticeship system. Your partnership as a training agency is valued. At this time, I would like to advise you of some changes happening with the Apprenticeship Enhancement Fund Program (AEF).

As you are aware, in 2011 Non-College Training Delivery Agents were allocated \$2M under the Apprenticeship Enhancement Fund Program (AEF). This was in recognition that both Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAATs) and Non-College Training Delivery Agents (TDAs) need to update their equipment and facilities in order to deliver relevant, high-quality training in support of Ontario's workplace-based apprenticeship programs. Enhancing the apprenticeship system is essential to building the skilled workforce Ontario needs to compete in today's economy.

In 2012 the funding for Non-College TDAs was doubled to \$4M, to support upgrades to facilities to enable apprentices with disabilities to access training, and to assist agencies meet the Ministry's revised TDA approval policy for apprentices with disabilities.

I am pleased to state, that the majority of non-college TDAs have taken advantage of the funding dedicated to allow apprentices with disabilities to access training. As such the budget for 2015-16 proposals has been set again at \$2M, and this will be reflected in the 2015-16 guidelines. Please be advised that the accessibility projects will still be eligible under the AEF program guidelines.

I would like to thank all of the non-college training delivery partners in taking advantage of this funding and ensuring that apprentices with disabilities have access to training.

Sincerely,

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