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Subject: Workplace and Community Workforce Literacy and Essential Skills
2009 Literacy Budget Initiatives: Call for Proposal Announcement

On July 2, 2009 the Government announced the investment of \$25 million through the delivery of the Literacy and Basic Skills Program in colleges, school boards and community literacy organizations in the Employment Ontario network. In addition, \$5 million was provided to expand on-line literacy training to create more opportunities for learners living in remote communities.

The remaining \$15 million is allocated for Workplace and Community Workforce Literacy. \$13.5 million will be awarded through a Call for Proposal (CFP) process for Workplace and Community Workforce Literacy and Essential Skills projects. The funding is allocated to enhance and expand current literacy and essential skills services to include employers, the workplace, communities and the workforce and their particular employment, education and training needs.

The CFP will be released on September 10, 2009, with a closing date of September 25, 2009. The CFP kit will include information about the process and the application form. The kit will be posted on the following websites:

- Literacy and Basic Skills Program Management Site (<http://lbsims.edu.gov.on.ca>)
- Employment Ontario Partnership Gateway website (<http://www.eopg.ca/>)
- Ontario Literacy Coalition (<http://www.on.literacy.ca/>)
- Ontario Federation of Labour (<http://www.ofl.ca/>)
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (www.cme-mec.ca)

MTCU is committed to a fair, transparent, responsive and accountable process for awarding project funding. It is important to note that in the interest of fairness and transparency, any answers to questions provided during the CFP process will be made available to all applicants. To this end, all questions received will be posted with the corresponding answers on the EOPG website in both official languages.

All questions regarding the CFP must be submitted to Aris Engelhard, Employment Program Consultant at Aris.Engelhard@ontario.ca or by fax to his attention at: 416 325-6162 by 5 p.m. September 15, 2009. Questions and answers will be available on the EOPG website by September 21, 2009.

Once all of the applications have been received, they will be assessed and ranked by an evaluation committee against a predetermined set of criteria as outlined in the Guide for Applicants. The evaluation committee is distinctive from those who coordinate the CFP process. The Ministry reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and will notify all applicants of the outcome of the call for proposal assessment.

Through the call for proposals process, the Ministry invites interested and qualified applicants to develop a project proposal and to submit an application for funding. This CFP is the second stage of initiatives flowing from the 2009 Ontario Budget and from the enhancements to the Canada-Ontario Labour Market Agreement.

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