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MEMORANDUM

TO: Employment Ontario Partners

DATE: January 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Open call for proposals for Career Ready Fund's Auto Stream

Dear Employment Ontario partners,

We are pleased to announce the launch of the second round of the Career Ready Fund's Auto Stream – a Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development initiative that provides students, recent graduates, and apprentices with experiential learning opportunities that will help them develop job-relevant skills in the automotive and advanced manufacturing sectors. This initiative is part of [Driving Prosperity](#) – the government's plan to strengthen the competitiveness of Ontario's automotive sector.

Starting today, you can find information about the call for proposals through [Transfer Payment Ontario](#). This program might be of interest to some of your employer clients and we encourage you to share information about the call for proposals with them.

About the Career Ready Fund's Auto Stream

Experiential learning is a hands-on learning model where people learn by doing. The Career Ready Fund's Auto Stream seeks to increase the quantity and quality of experiential learning opportunities available to postsecondary students, recent graduates, and apprentices in Ontario's automotive manufacturing and advanced manufacturing sectors. By supporting experiential learning, this program helps participants to launch their future careers in the automotive and advanced manufacturing sectors and helps employers in these sectors build their talent pipeline.

The first round of the Career Ready Fund's Auto Stream launched in February 2019 with \$5 million in funding through a targeted call for proposals which supports the creation of new experiential learning placements in the automotive manufacturing sector.

This second round of the Career Ready Fund's Auto Stream is a \$14 million investment that expands eligibility to include advanced manufacturing employers, as well as those in automotive manufacturing. The fund will provide employers with incentives of up to \$3,000 per placement or up to \$5,000 for placements of participants with disabilities.

Who can apply

The following types of organizations are eligible to submit a proposal: (1) automotive and advanced manufacturing sector employers, (2) industry associations, (3) postsecondary institutions, and (4) not-for-profit organizations. The ministry is requesting proposals that demonstrate at least one partnership within the auto and advanced manufacturing sectors. A partnership is a current or new relationship with a postsecondary institution, employer, or other organization that helps to create or enhance work placements for eligible participants.

Please see the application guidelines for more detail about eligibility.

How to apply and get more information

Applicants are invited to submit a proposal through [Transfer Payment Ontario](#), where they will find information about available funding, eligibility, and the process for submitting a proposal.

The deadline for submitting a proposal is **11:59 a.m. on February 25, 2020**.

The guidelines, frequently asked questions and answers, and more details about the Career Ready Fund's Auto Stream can be found on the [Transfer Payment Ontario platform](#).

If you have further questions after reviewing program materials online, please contact CareerReadyFund@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting job seekers and employers through your programs and services.

Sincerely,

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