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Dear Employment Ontario partners:

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development is welcoming ideas through an open invitation for project ideas, approaches, and pilot opportunities to support economic recovery in Ontario. We are pleased to encourage our network partners to participate and contribute ideas.

### **About the Invitation for Project Ideas**

As Ontarians face unemployment and are impacted by evolving labour market circumstances, the government is committed to a made-in-Ontario plan for growth, renewal and long-term recovery. The plan's approach will restart jobs and sector development, strengthen local communities, and create opportunities for people in every region of the province, focusing on the following priorities: communities, workers and job seekers, businesses and essential industries and digital services.

To achieve these priorities, project proposals will engage communities, encourage local groups and employers to work together to address labour market issues.

The ministry is interested in proposals that will help laid off workers learn new and in-demand skills to rejoin the workforce quickly, help support workers to enhance their employability through skills and experience opportunities and improve access to self-serve employment services.

Businesses, key sectors and essential industries will also address current labour market challenges and work to strengthen the workforce to be resilient and adaptable to changing employment needs.

## **Eligibility**

The Invitation for Project Ideas is open to non-profit organizations, employers, industry/business associations, economic development organization and municipalities based in or that have operational presence in Ontario.

Project ideas will ideally address a defined labour market challenge, be outcome and results-oriented, locally driven and community-led, promote strong partnerships and provide good value for money.

## **How to Submit**

Please follow the link to the [Invitation for Project Ideas](#) to send your project idea to the ministry. Regional ministry staff will connect with applicants to further develop project ideas and if successful, will negotiate a funding amount to maximize outcomes and value for money.

Submissions will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

Thank you for your ongoing support of clients across the province.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

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