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Agency	Project Title	Project Summary	Deliverables	Regional Scope
<b>A Commitment to Training and Employment for Women (ACTEW)</b>	Keeping Women Current	1) to keep women and women's training and employment programs and services current and updated regarding changes to Ontario's employment services and training delivery network 2) to share information with decision-makers on the important impact of women's successful employment and on women's employment and training needs	1. e-bulletins / blog entries 2. Meetings with TCU and service delivery partners 3. Interim report 4. Summary report	Provincial
<b>Adult Basic Education Association (ABEA) of Hamilton-Wentworth</b>	Clear Writing Audits and Training for Employment Ontario Agencies	ABEA will work with 10 Employment Ontario agencies in Hamilton, to develop their Clear Writing skills. ABEA will complete a Clear Writing audit of the agency's materials to determine current readability levels and training needed; provide training in Clear Writing for agency staff; and document consulting for two months after the training is completed.	1. Clear writing workshop 2. Audit report outline/checklist and workshop materials 3. Best practises report 4. Interim report 5. Summary report	West
<b>Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO)</b>	Engaging the Frontline: Taking Action: to Maximize Client Success – A College Network Development Project	This project builds on a EONDF project funded in 07-08. There are two major objectives of this project: 1) to continue and expand the information sharing and development of effective internal partnerships which has begun within the colleges; 2) to address the need identified by participants at both individual and regional training events for tools and processes which will lead to the development of a clear and documented internal college referral process for EO clients.	1. 3 project bulletin 2. 24 college training events 3. 4 regional training events 4. Self-assessment checklist 5. Client referral process 6. Interim report 7. Summary report	Provincial
<b>Community Literacy of Ontario (CLO)</b>	Building Organizational Capacity in Board Governance	One of MTCU's key indicators of organizational capacity is governance. This project will research and write the curriculum for an online, self-directed training module on "Effective Board Governance." This training module would be housed on CLO's popular "Literacy Basics" training website.	1. Curriculum for online training module 2. Interim report 3. Summary report	Provincial
<b>College Sector Employment Services (CSES)</b>	College Sector Employment Services Managers' Conference	To bring together all college managers who are responsible for delivering employment services under Employment Ontario in a conference setting. The intent is to have two days where managers will explore several key priority areas that relate to the successful delivery of the EO program which will assist them in managing the transition of their sites and staff to the new EO program.	1. Managers' conference 2. Summary report of conference activities and materials 3. Interim report 4. Summary report	Provincial

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<b>Consortium of Agencies Serving Internationally-Trained Persons (CASIP)</b>	Supporting Collaboration & Service Coordination in Employment Services for Newcomer Professionals	To enhance the quality of employment services provided to immigrant professionals and employers in the GTA. Objectives: 1) to improve organizational capacity by creating the necessary internal partnership structures and communication vehicles to allow CASIP agencies to undertake successful joint projects in service coordination, training / development, etc; 2) to provide and effective coordinated point of contact for employers and immigrant professionals seeking information on CASIP agency programs; 3) to create the necessary online communications structures to ensure effective communication and coordination among CASIP member agencies to facilitate joint projects in training, best practices, etc.	1. Upgraded CASIP website 2. Updated communications materials 3. Training for agencies on use of online database 4. Updated CASIP partnership protocols 5. Interim report 6. Summary report	Central
<b>Durham Region Employment Network (DREN)</b>	Durham Region Employment Network Enhancement Project II	To provide services and tools that improve the management strength and organizational capacity of Employment Ontario service providers, including: networking sessions, job developer meetings and resources, a proposal writing workshops, and promotion of the DREN network.	1. 3 networking sessions 2. Proposal writing workshop 3. 3 Job Developer meetings 4. 6. DREN promotional materials 5. Interim report 6. Summary report	Central
<b>Employment Ontario Service Delivery Network (Sault Ste. Marie Region)</b>	Sault Ste. Marie Regional Employment Ontario Services Network – Enhanced literacy/employment referral system	To create an effective Employment Ontario referral process: 1) By developing a web-based resource guide for use by SSM Region EO provider front-line staff members. The guide would consist of a description and links to each deliverer and would identify specific characteristics and indicators of appropriate service/referral decisions. 2) By developing tools to assist with effective efficient referral of clients among providers in the shortest route possible.	1. Map, website and referral process 2. Interim report 3. Summary report	Northern
<b>Eastern Regional Working Group (ERG)</b>	Eastern Regional Employment Ontario Conference	A two-day conference for Eastern Ontario EO Members designed to give them the opportunity to receive training, network and share resources in an endeavour to achieve the objectives and commitments of the Employment Ontario program.	1. EO conference 2. Copy of resource manual and conference materials 3. Interim report 4. Summary report	Eastern
<b>Employment Sector Council London Middlesex (ESCLM)</b>	Service Delivery Standards Upgrade and Enhancement Initiative Phase 2: Agency Evaluation	The objective of this project is the full implementation of recently completed Service Delivery Standards for employment and training agencies of London and Middlesex. Implementation will include agency evaluations and the awarding of certification for achieving Standards.	1. Evaluation guidelines 2. Service Delivery Standards of 15 service delivery agencies 3. Interim report 4. Summary report	Western

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<b>Literacy Link Eastern Ontario (LLEO)</b>	The LBS Model of Employment Ontario Services Integration for Common Clients	To provide information to Employment Ontario partners about array of services of the LBS program. A model will be developed and shared with EO partners to identify how the LBS program can support common clients to reach their goals. This will be accomplished through five presentations across the Eastern Region. A survey of regional LBS programs will determine the increased number of common clients referred from and to EO partners.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tools, presentations and model</li> <li>2. 5 presentations to EO service providers</li> <li>3. Survey results</li> <li>4. Interim report</li> <li>5. Summary report</li> </ol>	Eastern
<b>Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO)</b>	LLO EO Networking and Professional Development Conference	Provide a 3-day networking, information sharing and professional development conference at Georgian College in Barrie. Collaborative partnerships and participation of several sectors and associations have been confirmed and include one regional network, two LBS agencies, and local Job Connect/AU staff.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3-day conference</li> <li>2. Conference materials and evaluation</li> <li>3. Interim report</li> <li>4. Summary report</li> </ol>	Provincial
<b>Metro Toronto Movement for Literacy (MTML)</b>	Information Sharing Portal for LBS Practitioners and EO Stakeholders	The main objective is to develop a multi-tier, web-based information sharing portal that provides a venue and tools for online information sharing and collaboration. The portal will enhance information sharing and collaboration between literacy service providers by making an aspect of the website an intranet and utilizing the knowledge exchange tools available through the customization features of the portal.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Website in place</li> <li>2. Interim report</li> <li>3. Summary report</li> </ol>	Central
<b>Northern Regional Group</b>	Connecting For Northern Success III – Northern Region Conference	To plan and deliver a bilingual Northern Regional conference, “Connecting for Northern Success III” for northern regional Employment Ontario Employment Services frontline staff and managers to increase knowledge and share best practices and resources about job retention, apprenticeship, performance expectations, access issues for Aboriginals, addictions, learning disabilities, new technology.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3-day Northern Success III conference</li> <li>2. Interim report</li> <li>3. Summary report</li> </ol>	Northern
<b>Ontario Association of Youth Employment Centres (OAYEC)</b>	Central EO Strategy Conference	A 1-day forum will be developed in which EO service providers and shared stakeholders (including education – learning to 18, co-op and OYAP programs) Community and Social Services (OW) Citizenship and Immigration and other common interests will update each other on the status of their policies and programs while seeking common areas for coordination and more effective and efficient interaction.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forum</li> <li>2. Evaluation</li> <li>3. Interim report</li> <li>4. Summary report</li> </ol>	Provincial

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Ontario Association of Youth Employment Centres (OAYEC)	Advancing Referral Processes Phase 2	Phase 2 will involve a web cast forum to discuss the results of Phase 1. It will also see the creation of case studies on agencies. Out of these case studies, best practices will be identified based on regional variation, types of clientele served, and programs offered. Recommendations will be provided for implementation sector-wide, where possible. The project will culminate in a report and training presentations that integrates the case studies, as well as the research findings and webcast event lessons learned.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advancing Referrals webcast</li> <li>2. Case studies guide on referral</li> <li>3. Interim report</li> <li>4. Summary report</li> </ol>	Provincial
Ontario Association of Youth Employment Centres (OAYEC)	FUTURES 2009	The planning and delivery of this 3-day conference entitled FUTURES 2009 is designed to provide professional development training and workshops. Futures deals with program management opportunities and challenges associated with achieving results for individuals and employers with a broad scope of employment and training needs.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Futures 2009 conference</li> <li>2. Interim report</li> <li>3. Summary report</li> </ol>	Provincial
Ontario Literacy Coalition (OLC)	Best Practices in System and Service Planning	1) To conduct informant interviews with all Local Boards and Literacy Networks regarding their planning practices, reports, and ideas for further alignment between networks and boards; 2) to develop an Environmental Scan Report that outlines the current planning processes between Local Training Boards and Regional Literacy Networks.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Environmental Scan and recommendations report</li> <li>2. Online schemata of network and local board geographic boundaries</li> <li>3. Interim report</li> <li>4. Summary report</li> </ol>	Provincial
Ontario Network of Employment Services Training Projects (ONESTEP)	"The Ontario Road Show" – Professional Development and Training for Job Developers and Workplace Coaches	To host four one-day conferences focused on skills enhancement for job developers who work with employers. Conference highlights will include a keynote speaker, employer panel, labour market information specific to each region, and workshop options on related topics including: employment maintenance (retention), networking, training incentives, working with barriered employment groups, and securing apprenticeship opportunities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 4 conferences across Ontario</li> <li>2. Conference materials</li> <li>3. Interim report</li> <li>4. Summary report</li> </ol>	Provincial
Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network	Bridging the Employment Gap for Clients with Low Level Essential Skills	Offer a one-day workshop focussing on understanding and integrating Essential Skills, effective use of our recently-developed workforce curricula for clients with low-level Essential Skills, and examining best practices for working with Employment Services to help clients find employment or work experience.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Face-to-face workshop</li> <li>2. Online workshop</li> <li>3. Interim report</li> <li>4. Summary report</li> </ol>	Provincial

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Tri-County Literacy Network	Linking Adult Literacy To Poverty Reduction	To improve the capacity for Windsor-Essex Ontario Works and the Tri-County Literacy Network to work together to more effectively work with people living in poverty. This includes a workshop to increase staff understanding of poverty, researching best practices for programs and collaborative approaches to addressing the needs of clients in poverty, creating and field testing an Agency Self-Assessment Tool, and holding a forum where research results are presented and a strategic plan for next steps is discussed.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Windsor-Essex PD activity for EO and OW staff</li> <li>2. Windsor-Essex forum for EO and OW</li> <li>3. Agency Self-Assessment Tool and Field Test Results</li> <li>4. Strategic Plan</li> <li>5. Interim report</li> <li>6. Summary report</li> </ol>	Western
<b>Total Recommended Funding:</b>				