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Dear Employment Service provider:

The ETD Open Data team has prepared a dataset that contains the amount of Employment Service (ES) funding allocated to and spent by service providers in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The dataset is accompanied by: a technical dictionary, that explains every variable in the dataset; and a contextual document, that describes the ES program and the funding model used by the ministry to allocate funds across the ES service provider network.

This dataset includes the following data categories:

- Assisted Services Client Target
- Original Agreement Financial Allocations
- Revised Agreement Financial Allocations (including all subsequent amendments)
- Total Funding Received by the service provider
- Expenditures as Reported by the service provider
- Expenditures Approved by the ministry.

For the two allocations and two expenditures categories, the data is broken down into Operating Funds, Employer Incentives, Client Supports, and Field Support. This data has been drawn from Service Provider Connect (SP Connect), with the revised allocation, total funding, and expenditure values taken from the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Report submitted by each service provider.

The ES service providers will have the opportunity to review this dataset and the accompanying documentation prior to its public release. The files will be posted on the [Employment Ontario Service Provider Open Data Portal](#) according to the schedule outlined below. For instructions on how to register to access the Portal see [the March 31 ADM memo](#). Feedback and comments from service providers will be incorporated into the final version of the dataset and accompanying documentation, and comments and feedback should be provided by the date indicated below.

| <b>Key Dates</b> | <b>What is Happening</b>   | <b>Opportunity for Feedback</b>   |
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| May 12, 2017     | The dataset and the contextual documents are posted on the EO SP Open Data Portal. | Please provide feedback by posting on the Open Data Portal or by emailing |

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|                         |   | Wesley Ferris at <a href="mailto:wesley.ferris@ontario.ca">wesley.ferris@ontario.ca</a> by <b>May 26, 2017</b> |
| May 29 and 30, 2017     | The ES Financial dataset and supporting documentation will be revised, taking into account feedback received from service providers.          |  |
| June 2017               | The ES Financial dataset is approved for release by the ministry.   |  |
| June/July 2017 (target) | The ES Financial dataset is released to the public on the government-wide <a href="#">Data Catalogue</a> and the <a href="#">EO Geo Hub</a> . |  |

The ES service providers will be informed of the public release date of the ES Financial dataset by a memorandum posted to the Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway (EOPG).

For further information about this dataset and its posting on the SP Portal, service providers can refer to the [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\) document](#) that accompanies this memo.

Any questions on using the Employment Ontario SP Open Data Portal can be directed to Rob Coleman, research analyst, at [robert.coleman@ontario.ca](mailto:robert.coleman@ontario.ca). Questions about, or feedback on, Open Data and the ES Financial dataset and documentation can be directed either to [eo.analytics@ontario.ca](mailto:eo.analytics@ontario.ca) or to Wesley Ferris, research analyst, at [wesley.ferris@ontario.ca](mailto:wesley.ferris@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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