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Dear EO Partner,

Over the last few months, we have been working to change the way that we deliver employment services across our province. As we move to implement a new employment service network, I want to thank you for your dedication and perseverance throughout this journey.

In the time we have worked together to launch the new Employment Service, I have witnessed first-hand your unwavering dedication to providing quality employment and training services for Ontario's job seekers – a task of great importance in today's challenging labour market. We have had to make some difficult decisions to achieve our goal of strengthening employment and training programs and services, but I am certain you will agree that it has been worth the effort.

We are now just weeks away from implementing our new employment service network. Service providers are in the process of reviewing their new agreements, which will begin on August 1, 2010. I appreciate that this has been a busy time for many of you, as some organizations are working to consolidate locations and open new offices. Beginning in the first week of August, clients will be able to search for the new employment service providers on the Ministry's public website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/search.html>.

Congratulations on reaching this important milestone in the transformation of Employment Ontario. The success of our programs and services depends on the participation of our vibrant and committed partners, who have clearly demonstrated that they can deliver the full range of employment services. To those of you who were directly involved in getting us here today, and to all of you who supported the implementation process, thank you. Your hard work and commitment will go a long way to helping thousands of Ontarians get the employment and training services they need to meet their career goals.

Some service providers have asked for direction on how to promote Employment Ontario services. Employment service providers should receive their internal signage kits in the mail soon and begin ordering their external signs, which must adhere to the Visual Identity and Communications Guidelines. These can be found on the Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway at <http://www.eopg.ca>.

If you have any questions about signage and visual identity, or any other implementation details, please contact your local Ministry office.

Together, we have created an employment and training network that meets our shared goal of providing greater access to services for all Ontarians. I look forward to working with you to continue delivering quality services and to increase our skilled workforce.

Sincerely,

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