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Dear Employment Ontario and Ontario Disability Support Program partners:

In February, the [government announced](#) its plan to transform Ontario's employment services by introducing a new model to manage the employment services system more effectively to meet the needs of job seekers, businesses and communities.

Today, we're writing to inform you that the ministry will be introducing a competitive process for determining the service system managers for employment services across the province, starting with three prototype communities. In advance of this, the ministry is seeking to engage interested organizations in an open dialogue, inviting them to bring their perspectives on a future employment and training system to the ministry.

Ontario is adopting a market sounding approach as part of its plan to transform the employment services system. Market sounding is the process of communicating with potential parties in advance of creating an agreement. The ministry wishes to engage with potential vendors to gather feedback and inform its early thinking and potential approach to a future system for employment and training.

On May 15 and 16, 2019, the ministry will be hosting vendor market day. This event will be an opportunity for the ministry to provide interested organizations with more detailed information to help expand their understanding of the transformation, generate interest

from the vendor community, and provide interested organizations with the chance to identify opportunities for innovation in the delivery model.

In addition, the ministry will be providing a market sounding document prior to vendor market day. This document will contain information about the current and desired future state of employment services in Ontario. It will also include a registration form and pre-event questionnaire for the vendor market day. The document will be available on the [Ontario Tenders Portal](#) on April 18, 2019.

Sessions will be conducted for Employment Ontario and Ontario Disability Support Program employment service providers who are not interested in competing to be a service system manager but are seeking more information. Details on these sessions will be shared with you soon.

Working collaboratively with our delivery partners is integral to the ministry's goal of modernizing our employment and training system. As such, we will continue to seek opportunities to work with the Employment Ontario network. Thank you for your ongoing support of clients across the province.

Sincerely,

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