



Memorandum To: Executive Heads of Provincially-Assisted Universities and
Université de Hearst
Presidents of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology
President and CEO of Colleges Ontario
President and CEO of Council of Ontario Universities

From: Sheldon Levy
Deputy Minister

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Subject: Release of the Request for Expressions of Interest for
Expansion in Milton and Brampton

Today, the ministry is releasing the Guidelines and Template for the Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for expansion in Milton and Brampton.

These sites provide an opportunity for Ontario to model a 21st century learning environment, providing students with the education and skills needed for the current and future economy.

Request for Expressions of Interest

The REOI will help determine interest in developing new and innovative postsecondary sites to increase access to postsecondary education in the city of Brampton and the town of Milton. It will contribute towards building a highly skilled workforce in Ontario through innovative curriculum delivery and increased experiential learning opportunities in high-demand programs.

The objective is to create two separate Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)-focused, university-led postsecondary sites (rather than full-scale campuses) with the ability to accommodate 1,000 net new students in both Brampton and Milton within 2-5 years of opening. Proponents are expected to outline how their proposals will support the economic and social fabric of Milton and Brampton.

Institutions are required to demonstrate strong partnerships and innovative collaborations. Universities are expected to partner with colleges, as well as industry. This is also an opportunity for postsecondary institutions to invite international partners.

The intent of the REOI is to provide the ministry with a general overview of each proposal. This includes proposed programming, flexible learning opportunities,

estimated capital and operating costs, a clear outline of the contribution of the university and partners and expectation of support from the provincial government. The proposals should also clearly indicate how access to a full suite of ancillary and support services will be provided.

Evaluation

The ministry will consider all proposals that meet the mandatory criteria and expectations as outlined in the Guidelines. As part of this process, the ministry may seek external expertise. The ministry will then invite selected institutions and work closely with them to fully develop their proposals through an Invitational Call for Proposals, which will be released in May 2017.

Information Sessions

The ministry will set up information sessions in February 2017 to answer any questions that the sector may have regarding the REOI documents and process.

Timeline

Institutions can submit a proposal for one or both sites. Guidelines and Templates can be found on the ministry [website](#). Responses to the REOI are due March 6, 2017 and must be sent to MAESDCapital@ontario.ca.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the REOI process, please contact Rylan Kinnon, Manager, Capital Funding and Programs, Postsecondary Finance and Information Management Branch, by email at Rylan.Kinnon@ontario.ca or at 416-325-4508.

We look forward to working in close partnership with postsecondary institutions on the second Call for Proposals and this REOI to build innovative and exemplary postsecondary institutions in Milton and Brampton.

Sincerely,



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