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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Service Providers of the Canada-Ontario Job Grant
(COJG)

FROM: Helen Cranley
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SUBJECT: Announcement of a Third-Party Evaluation of the
Canada-Ontario Job Grant (COJG) Program

The Ontario Ministry of Labour Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) is carrying out a comprehensive evaluation of the Canada-Ontario Job Grant (COJG) program to inform redesign and/or program improvements.

In Budget 2019, the Ontario government committed to reviewing the province's skills training programs including supports provided to employers who want to invest in workforce training and development. This evaluation will serve as an input for the ministry's review of the province's skills training system.

The evaluation is specifically designed to help the ministry:

- Examine the reach of the COJG services to the employers and workers;
- Examine employer needs related to skills training and workforce development programming;
- Determine the extent to which employer needs are met by the COJG program;
- Assess program outcomes as related to employers and participants; and,
- Identify the strengths and challenges of the current COJG program to inform redesign and/or program improvements.

Independent consulting group Goss Gilroy Inc. has been hired to conduct the evaluation on behalf of the ministry in accordance with the ministry's procurement process.

The evaluation will employ multiple lines of evidence, including key informant interviews and surveys with stakeholders (i.e., service and training providers, employers and participants).

Next Steps

In the coming weeks, Goss Gilroy Inc. will initiate direct contact with various stakeholders. Your organization may be invited to participate in data collection activities. In such instances, Goss Gilroy Inc. will detail how they plan to seek your input, with whom within your organization they wish to speak, and will make arrangements for your time accordingly. While your participation is voluntary, your input is critical to the success of the evaluation.

Responses will remain confidential and will not be attributed to any individual or organization in any reports that result from this study.

If you have any questions, you may contact:

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We thank you in advance for any support you may provide for this evaluation.

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