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Memorandum

To: Ontario Bridge Training Program Service Providers

From: David Cronin, Director, Program Delivery Support Branch (PDSB),
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Date: August 27, 2020

Subject: Six-month contract extension for Ontario Bridge Training Programs (OBTP)
projects

Objective

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise OBTP service providers of a six-month agreement extension to category one (“Getting a License”) and category two (“Getting a Job”) projects. The agreement end date for these projects will be extended to September 30, 2021.

What is happening?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of OBTP service providers were required to temporarily put services on hold. As such, timelines to complete training and meet targets as set in their agreements may have been difficult to achieve. Participants in the program may have been negatively impacted by having an incomplete or shortened program.

Current projects are scheduled to end March 31, 2021. In order to complete training, achieve targets and support program participants, an extension to current agreements is being offered.

Who is affected?

OBTP service providers.

What should be done now?

The ministry will post further correspondence regarding a business planning exercise to take place in the Fall of 2020 to determine activities and funding levels for April 1 – September 30, 2021. Service providers are to begin preliminary planning on their goals for the extended period.

Category 3 (“Changing the System”) agreements will expire on March 31, 2021 as outlined in the current OBTP agreement.

In order to facilitate the continuation of the OBTP, the ministry will launch a Call for Proposals in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020-2021.

Contact Information

For further clarification, please contact your Ministry representative.

Sincerely,

David Cronin

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