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Dear Stakeholder:

I would like to share with you some exciting developments for Employment Ontario partners.

We are building a new approach to labour market planning that will benefit all Employment Ontario customers – individuals, employers and communities – over the longer term. We call it integrated local labour market planning or ILLMP.

This is an integrated process that strengthens key partnerships involved in identifying and prioritizing labour market needs in communities across Ontario. It involves working collaboratively with other ministries, municipalities and Service Canada to support the development of a locally coordinated focus on customer needs.

To help all those stakeholders work together, we have developed a preliminary ILLMP framework to help identify, assess and prioritize the skills and knowledge needs of the community, employers and individual participants/learners in the local labour market. It will be available soon on the Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway website at www.eopg.ca.

Integrated local labour market planning supports Employment Ontario's emphasis on integrated service delivery. Its goal is to customize a labour market planning process to each of our planning zones province-wide.

Seven areas across Ontario began field-testing this framework in June. Over the next several months, Local Boards, acting in a secretariat role in Peterborough, Durham, Timmins, Thunder Bay and Niagara, will help establish Labour Market Planning Committees comprising community leaders who have an understanding of and commitment to labour force development. Demonstration pilots will also be undertaken in Windsor and Ottawa where local boards do not currently exist. All seven demonstration pilots will work closely with, and be supported by, local liaison teams with Ministry staff and our partner ministries. They will test the ILLMP framework and identify best practices and lessons learned to inform our implementation strategy going forward.

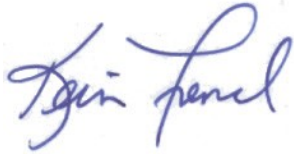
We will be working with our stakeholders and Employment Ontario service providers to keep you informed of developments and how this process can support service delivery planning, coordination and customer service.

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Sincerely,

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