

Seventh Annual Network Meeting

Help Wanted—Confronting Labour and Skills Shortages in Toronto

A Consultation on the Findings and Recommendations
of the Toronto Labour Force Readiness Plan

Thursday, March 25, 2004, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Metro Hall, 55 John Street (at King), 3rd Floor, Room 308/309

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Dear Colleague,

You are invited to participate in the 7th Annual Network Meeting sponsored by the Intergovernmental Committee for Economic and Labour Force Development (ICE) on Thursday, March 25, 2004.

The ICE Committee brings together representatives from all three orders of government to coordinate public sector efforts to support economic and labour force development in Toronto. The theme for this year's annual network meeting, ***Help Wanted—Confronting Labour and Skills Shortages in Toronto***, focuses on the impact the retiring baby boomers are predicted to have on Toronto's economy over the next five to ten years, and what we can do to ensure that Toronto has the skilled workers we need to prosper in the new global economy. The proposed agenda is attached.

Harvey Low from the Social Development and Administration Division of the City of Toronto will make a presentation on the recently released 2001 census data. **Susan Brown** from Toronto Economic Development will highlight selected preliminary recommendations addressing key issues identified by the [Toronto Labour Force Readiness Plan Overview](#) report. A panel of experts (**Dr. Lionel Laroche**, **Nancy Schaefer**, and **Peter Landry**) will then discuss the three main sources of labour—immigrants, youth, and the existing workforce—and what skills and knowledge these groups have to offer Toronto's economy.

Following the presentations, **Mo McKenna** of mentoring with MOmentum Ltd. will facilitate a discussion where you will have an opportunity to refine and prioritize the recommendations to feed back into the next phase of the Toronto Labour Force Readiness Plan.

The meeting will be followed by a networking lunch. There is no cost to participate in this forum.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at what promises to be an informative and exciting session. Seating capacity is limited so **please RSVP to Aggie Stevens by fax at 416-392-4214** or by **email at astevens@toronto.ca** before February 27, 2004. Feel free to call me directly at 416-348-9935, eslack@esci.ca or contact Susan Brown, Toronto Economic Development at 416-392-9487, sbrown6@toronto.ca, if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,
Enid Slack, Chair, ICE Committee