

March 10, 2004

Dear Colleague,

You are invited to participate in a forum on *Urban Development Agreements: Lessons from the West*. The purpose of the forum is to build awareness of existing urban development agreements in Western Canada and to explore their applicability to Toronto.

The forum is jointly sponsored by the **Intergovernmental Committee for Economic and Labour Force Development in Toronto** (<http://www.icecommittee.org>) – a tri-level committee that helps to coordinate economic and labour force development of all three levels of government – and the **United Way of Greater Toronto** – a non-profit charity that improves the long-term health of our community by supporting over 200 social service agencies across the City of Toronto (<http://www.unitedwaytoronto.com>).

Date, Time and Location

The forum will take place on Tuesday, April 27, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Simcoe Room, MacDonald Block, 900 Bay Street, Toronto.

Audience

The audience will be made up of public servants from all three levels of government in the areas of economic development, human resources development, and social services. There will be representatives from the voluntary social services sector, including representation from the Strong Neighbourhoods Task Force (a project of the United Way of Greater Toronto and the City of Toronto).

Format

Presentations will be made on the Vancouver and Winnipeg agreements as well as on the applicability of these types of agreement to Toronto. Following these presentations, we plan to have a round table with all of the speakers to provide a critical appraisal of the agreements and how they might (or might not) work in Toronto.

Please find attached more information about the meeting including an agenda and RSVP form. There is no cost to participate in this forum. As seating is limited, please RSVP by FAX or email no later than April 1, 2004 to: Susan Tran, United Way of Greater Toronto, (e-mail address: tran@uwgt.org; fax number: 416 777-0962). If you have questions or comments about the Forum, please contact Enid Slack at 416 348-9935, or eslack@esci.ca.

We look forward to seeing you at the forum.

Enid Slack
Chair, ICE Committee

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