



Life Sciences and ICT in the Toronto Region: R&D, Commercialization and Human Resource Trends

Wednesday, November 24, 2004, 8:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Ontario Heritage Centre, 10 Adelaide Street East

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Dear Colleague,

You are cordially invited to participate in a forum on *Life Sciences and ICT in the Toronto Region: R&D, Commercialization and Human Resource Trends*. The forum will bring together representatives from government, industry, and academia to examine the life science and ICT clusters in Toronto, what these clusters mean to the Toronto economy, and the human resource implications. The launching point for the discussion will be the Toronto findings of a study by Graytek Management Inc. that compares clusters in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, and Vancouver. The study was commissioned by Industry Canada and the National Research Council and will be released later this year.

Graham Sibthorpe (Graytek Management Inc.) will discuss the Toronto findings of the Comparative Cluster Study and the human resource implications. **Kyle Benham** (City of Toronto) will provide the City's perspective on clusters. **Marie Gravel** (HRSDC) will present recent labour market trends. **Geoff Mitchinson** (GlaxoSmithKline) will provide an industry view, which will be followed by an industry panel discussion (**Kenneth Knox, Joanne Harack and Robert Horwood**) on the way forward. Following the presentations and discussions, a buffet lunch will be provided.

The forum is sponsored by the Intergovernmental Committee for Economic and Labour Force Development (ICE) in Toronto (<http://www.icecommittee.org>). ICE brings together representatives from all three orders of government to help coordinate public sector efforts to support economic and labour force development in Toronto.

Please find attached the proposed agenda for the forum and an RSVP form. There is no cost to participate in this forum. As seating is limited, please RSVP by email no later than November 10, 2004 to: eslack@esci.ca. If you have any questions or comments about the forum, please call me at 416-348-9935 or Henry Lotin at 416-952-9259 (lotin.henry@ic.gc.ca).

I look forward to seeing you at the forum.

Yours sincerely,
Enid Slack, Chair, ICE Committee