
**Canada-Ontario Labour Market Development Agreement
Entente sur le développement du marché du travail entre le Canada et l'Ontario**

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Dear Service Provider,

We are pleased to inform you that TNS Canadian Facts, Social and Policy Research, will be conducting the formative evaluation of the Canada-Ontario Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA). TNS was selected through the request for proposals process conducted on Canada's electronic tendering service, MERX. TNS began field work on the evaluation in July 2009, with planned completion in the fall of 2009.

As mentioned in our previous correspondence, evaluations for the LMDA are conducted in two phases: phase 1 is the Formative Evaluation, phase 2 is the Summative Evaluation, which will be conducted in 2010-11. The Formative Evaluation will focus on activity from January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, the period immediately after the transfer. The evaluation's objectives include describing the implementation of the service delivery system since the LMDA was signed, and reporting on best practices and areas requiring improvement. The Formative Evaluation will also provide baseline data for the Summative Evaluation.

Your participation is key to the success of the evaluation. Your organization and individuals who were involved in an intervention during this time may be directly contacted by TNS to participate in a discussion group or survey during the second half of 2009. The information collected will be used only for the evaluation and will not be shared or used for any other purpose. All information will be protected in accordance with federal and provincial privacy legislation and security requirements.

We encourage you to participate in the evaluation activities as your input will help us in enhancing the integrity of services delivered to citizens. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance.

If you have any questions about the evaluation process, please contact Hyacinth Vidal, Evaluation Coordinator (email hyacinth.vidal@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



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