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MEMORANDUM TO: Employment Ontario Partners

FROM: Peter Armstrong
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RE: **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act
Built Environment Standard**

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) became law on June 13, 2005. The purpose of AODA is to achieve accessibility for Ontarians with disabilities with respect to goods, services, facilities, accommodation, employment, buildings, structures and premises on or before January 1, 2025, by developing, implementing and enforcing accessibility standards.

At this time a public review of the initial proposed *Accessible Built Environment Standard* is currently taking place. Everyone in Ontario is welcome to review and submit comments pertaining to the proposed standard until **October 16, 2009**.

To review the standard and obtain feedback instructions, please visit:
<http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcss/english/pillars/accessibilityOntario/accesson/business/environment/index.htm>

Also at this time, the final proposed *Accessible Information and Communication Standard* has been submitted to the Minister of Community and Social Services (MCSS) for consideration as law. A copy of this standard has been posted on the MCSS web-site at:
<http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcss/english/pillars/accessibilityOntario/accesson/business/information/index.htm>

The *Information and Communication Standard* outlines how businesses and organizations may be required to create, provide and receive information and communications in ways that are accessible for people with disabilities.

Sincerely

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