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Dear Employment Ontario Service Provider:

As you know, the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) launched the SkillsAdvance Ontario (SAO) pilot in fall 2016. SAO is a sector-focused workforce development pilot that supports partnerships that bring together sector-based employers and employment and training providers to develop a pool of job-ready, skilled workers that meet employers' workforce development needs.

In 2017, MAESD launched the Sector Planning Partnership Grant (SPPG) through a Call for Proposal process. The SPPG supported the development of partnerships and strategies that identified workforce needs among industry employers, as well as the development of employment and training solutions that would meet the needs of employers, job seekers, and workers.

The ministry is looking to expand its sector-focused, partnership-based workforce development efforts by launching a second phase of SAO. These enhanced pilots will build on the objectives of the original pilot and be expanded to include higher-skills occupations and incumbent workers.

During the review of the SPPG final reports, it became evident that some projects had clear alignment with SAO's objectives and had the potential to transition to SAO Phase 2 requirements and deliverables. Those identified projects were subsequently invited to submit an application for SAO Phase 2.

The projects selected for SAO Phase 2 include:

- Four County Labour Market Planning Board
- Workforce Planning Board of Grand Erie
- Ontario Tourism Education Corporation (OTEC)
- Youth Habilitation Quinte Inc.
- The Confederation College of Applied Arts and Technology
- The Career Foundation
- La Passerelle-Intégration et Développement Économique

We look forward to the results of the SAO projects.

Sincerely,

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