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To: Organizations receiving funding through the Canada-Nova Scotia Labour Market Agreement

From: The Honourable Kelly Regan, Minister *Kelly Regan*  
Nova Scotia Department of Labour & Advanced Education

Date: January 29, 2014

Re: **Canada-Nova Scotia Labour Market Agreement Update**

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I am writing to you because your organization has received funding under the Canada-Nova Scotia Labour Market Agreement (LMA) and I am committed to keeping you informed of any changes to the LMA. As you know, the Department of Labour and Advanced Education (LAE) has been administering the LMA since 2008. Our Province has used LMA funding to provide training and work experience programs that help individuals who are generally not eligible for funding from other sources, attach or re-attach to the labour market.

You are likely aware that the federal government has made an offer to provinces and territories regarding a changed labour market agreement. Over the last year, Nova Scotia has been very proactive in expressing the need to have continued ability to use LMA funding for the provision of the kinds of programs and services that have been successful over the past six years. We are currently working closely with our provincial and territorial colleagues and engaging the federal government through a multi-lateral approach.

As of this date, we do not have a formal agreement that extends beyond March 31, 2014. It is important for you to know that the Province of Nova Scotia will honor programs and activities approved for funding under the LMA up to and including March 31, 2014, but until there is concrete agreement from the federal government, Nova Scotia is unable to guarantee any continuation of funding for the component of services or programs funded under the LMA beyond the end of March 2014.

I want you to know that the Province has, and continues to represent our shared interests to the federal government, and to speak about the success of the labour market programming approaches undertaken in this province through the LMA. This agreement has enabled us to work through organizations such as yours to reach people in Nova Scotia who are not otherwise eligible for services. I thank you for your continued dedication and remain committed to keeping you informed of any changes or new agreement that is reached.



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