

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

ES Transformation Vendor Market Day Notification

Market Sounding for the Future Employment and Training System

The Ontario government's Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (the "ministry") welcomes interested organizations to engage in an open dialogue and bring their perspectives to its early-thinking for a future system for employment and training.

Ontario is adopting a market sounding approach as part of its plan to transform the employment services system. The objective of engaging with the market is for the ministry to refine its proposed system features, program mix and more.

The ministry wishes to sound the market to inform the development of the future state of the employment and training system, to better understand the current marketplace, seek input from the vendor community, and to validate its current thinking.

To achieve this the ministry will be conducting an engagement which includes a market sounding document and market day, both of which will help the ministry to test market appetite, validate decisions and parameters to date, inform system design, and encourage participation and partnerships to support a successful implementation.

To achieve tangible results through meaningful input, the ministry will provide any organizations that may be interested in participating in a future competitive process with an opportunity to provide feedback through market day participation and/or written responses.

Vendor market day will take place on May 15, 2019. The following day, May 16, 2019, is tentatively set aside for the ministry to host one-on-one follow-up sessions. Interested organizations must register to attend.

More information, including response and registration instructions, deadlines, and terms of reference, is available in the market sounding document and can be found on the Ontario Tenders Portal at <https://ontariotenders.bravosolution.com/>

NOTE: This market sounding exercise is not a formal competitive bidding process. It is issued for information gathering and sharing purposes only.

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Background:

Ontario's employment and training programs are critical to building the skilled workforce that keeps Ontario open for business. The government is transforming the way we deliver employment services for all jobseekers, including those on social assistance, by creating one efficient and effective system that is easy to use.

By introducing a new competitive process for selecting service system managers and a new outcomes-based, local service delivery model, employment services will be more effective and responsive, achieving results for job seekers and employers.

More information is available on the Ontario Tenders Portal at <https://ontariotenders.bravosolution.com/> under reference Tender #11235.

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