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AETS makes implements wrap around supports to
First Nation Citizens in the North Superior Region with the support
of the Ontario Trillium (OTF) Foundation's Community Resilience Fund

August 18, 2023, Thunder Bay, ON - Anishinabek Employment and Training Services (AETS),
with the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Resilient Communities Fund (RCF) has
announced that supports are in place to:

- implement new approaches to prepare for change by building resiliency with new organizational structure and strategic plans, program and service developments as well as mental health wellbeing supports
- improve and increase ability for additional financial resources and/or develop new sources of revenues through developed proposal plans and secure new public partnerships
- adapt and re-imagine a new delivery of programs and services with processes to meet the needs of the First Nation communities.

This is in addition to the continued internal Labour Market Information (LMI) Pilot Study Analysis report being circulated to each of the AETS First Nations today through AETS's Annual General Meeting.

In addition to the analysis, the funding is helping to cover staff and services as well as purchasing IT equipment to deliver support as well as a social media strategy. The LMI online collection of surveys also is supported, with staff for help with training and education pathway to employment.

The analysis in this Interim Report is based on a data extract from the First Nations Labour Market Information (LMI) Survey and Skills Inventory Pilot Project. It includes all questionnaires entered from January 01, 2019, to February, 2023.

This interim report has the following purposes:

1. to provide the Indigenous Skills Employment and Training (ISET) Program Agreement Holders and First Nations collecting the data, as well as ESDC, with feedback on the ongoing collection of labour market information. This is annual at a minimum, ongoing (throughout the pilot and beyond) and local (community level) by participating First Nation communities.
2. to help the ISETS and First Nations fine-tune processes and approaches as well as the funding approach required.

Sections of this report describe our progress to date in four major areas:

- Labour Force Status Classification;
- Job Search Activities;
- Skills Inventory;
- Challenges and Impacts.

The report presents key interim findings and outlines topics that each community may consider further for next steps.

“The key findings will continue to help AETS adjust its programs and services to better meet the needs of the First Nation Citizens from each of the nine First Nation Communities,” says John DeGiacomo, Executive Director of AETS.

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About AETS

Based in Thunder Bay, AETS is leading the development of a skilled Indigenous workforce by empowering the Anishinabek through holistic programming, cultural sharing and skills training and employment. AETS provides unique solutions to support Anishinabek to overcome barriers that are customized to individuals in their search for meaningful employment.

- Vision: Skilled Indigenous workforce
- Mission: To provide guided education and training pathways, towards inclusive employment opportunities respectful of culture.

About OTF:

The mission of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is to build healthy and vibrant communities throughout Ontario by investing in community-based initiatives and strengthening the impact of Ontario’s non-profit sector. Resilient Communities Fund grants support projects that help rebuild an organization’s capacity, enhance their resiliency, and meet the changing needs of their communities.

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