



CLOSING THE GAP: CONNECTING EMPLOYERS

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Closing the Gap: Connecting Employers is a project aimed at improving the participation of persons with disabilities in the workforce. Employer perspectives are a critical part of this work.

The project is a labour market partnership. It is being coordinated by Stuart-O'Hara Inc., Knowledge Management Services. An advisory panel representing a wide range of stakeholders is an active participant in the process.

There are three components in the project: interviews of about 50 employers in the Toronto Region; a survey of organizations serving persons with disabilities; and a Roundtable of employers and other community partners. The Roundtable will be held on September 7 and 8, 2005 in Toronto.

We would welcome and value your participation. The employer interviews will be done in person and will last about one hour. The emphasis will be on gaining insights into creative approaches and innovative solutions that can help to improve the participation of persons with disabilities in the workforce. All of the information that you would provide will be kept strictly confidential by Stuart O'Hara Inc. No information that could reveal you – or your company's – individual responses will be provided to any third party.

The results of each phase of the work will be available to participants and other members of the community. We anticipate that the final project report will provide strategic directions leading towards the development of a representative workforce. This report will be completed in November 2005.

If you have questions, or would like further information, please contact us by telephone at 416-924-7869 or by e-mail at info@closing-the-gap.ca.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Sincerely

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