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Version 1

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. 211 is playing a key role in this research and consultation program.

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

As an organization serving persons with disabilities, your agency's participation is vitally important. In the next few days 211 will distribute an on-line survey to organizations serving persons with disabilities. The emphasis is 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. and 211. 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. If you have questions, or would like further information, please contact us by email at info@closing-the-gap.

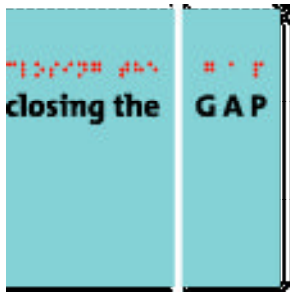
Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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We would welcome and value your participation. In a few days 211 will distribute an on-line survey to community organizations in Toronto region. 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. and 211. No information that could reveal you – or your company's – individual responses will be provided to any third party.

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