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This a backgrounder on LMA being prepared to accompany a news release or be released at a later date .  
Would you please take a look and make any suggestions to ensure the BC content is sufficient, appropriate  
and accurate.

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Bindi- wanting to share this with you now to get a sense if we have the level of detail right for the Cab sub and does it capture the discussion with Shannon on Friday. I am still soliciting feedback on the groups to include re s12  
s12 and hopefully will have this shortly.

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**Cc:** Craven, Paul IGRS:EX  
**Subject:** COF Meeting Note Requests - Skills and Training

Hello all,

Further to Paul's email below, Skills and Training is a major theme at COF this year, and there are a few moving parts are now more clear. Thought a joint email explaining would be beneficial.

I have attached the latest DRAFT lead note, which is being used to narrow the scope of the discussion. The general Skills and Training discussion will compose a significant part of the first day. I have attached a draft agenda, that will change,

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## ISSUE NOTE

### Issue:

- The Canada-BC Labour Market Agreement (LMA) expires March 31, 2014.

### Background:

- The LMA provides BC with \$394M over six years (approximately \$66M annually) from 2008 to 2014 to fund skills training and employment programs and services for non-Employment Insurance (EI) eligible unemployed individuals and low-skilled employed individuals. The LMA is one of the key funding mechanisms to support BC's labour and skill shortages.

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- In its 2013 Budget, the Federal Government announced its intention to renew the LMA with new restrictions and conditions, including a requirement that provinces deliver the *Canada Job Grant* (CJG), a new program intended to directly connect skills training with employers and jobs that will account for 60% of LMA funding allocation upon full implementation in 2017/18. The remaining 40% will support program administration and other provincial priorities.
- Conditions to access CJG funding include one-third matching contributions from the provinces and employers, with a maximum \$5,000 federal contribution per person, and up to \$15,000 per person with provincial and employer contributions of \$5,000 each, respectively.

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- Provincial/Territorial (PT) concerns are mostly focused on ensuring flexibility under the CJG program, and that the program is designed to meet the needs of small and medium sized employers as well as the needs of low-skilled, unemployed and underrepresented sectors of the population with low labour market attachment.

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- The Prime Minister launched CJG consultations with employers and employer groups on April 19, and is planning to complete consultations in May to gather key input to help shape the CJG and its LMA negotiation position with PTs. Consultations will focus on the cost matching component and eligibility criteria associated with training costs.

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**Subject:** RE: DM bilateral tomorrow - FLMM DM meeting summary  
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### 3. Key Labour Market Agreement Initiatives and Results

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### 4. Implications of the Federal Budget Announcement

- Impact of Canada Job Grant (CJG)

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Yes this works

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**Subject:** RE: LMA LMAPD COF note

Denise, thanks for the feedback and further adjustments on the note. Attached is a note with further adjustments - we'll get our approvals on this note and will then send to IGRS.


If you have any questions or concerns, just send me a call or email.

Regards,  
Brian

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**Cc:** Will, Jo-Anne MCF:EX  
**Subject:** LMA LMAPD COF note

Hello All,

Please find attached the draft LMA / LMAPD COF Note. This note has been reviewed by both Molly Harrington and Allison Bond. These notes have also been sent to my DM as she was interested in seeing them. I don't expect that there will be more changes, but if my DM does have any comments, I will be sure to forward them on to you.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,  
Denise

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Hi there,

My counterparts in SK have developed this to assist in the discussions for Friday. Can you let know (i) if you think this is helpful and (ii) any changes/suggestions.

Thanks,

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**Cc:** Colpitts, Cammy EC; Loewen, David EC  
**Subject:** Backgrounder on the Canada Job Grant

Hi All,

In preparation for our three Labour Market Ministers meeting this Friday, we have prepared a draft joint backgrounder for the Ministers so that all three governments will have the same basic understanding of what is and is not in the CJG proposal the broader implications of the current proposal. Please provide comments or edits before noon on Wednesday so that we can ensure it is in our ministers' binders. Before they hop on the plane to the meeting.

We have not received comments back from our own labour market folks as of yet but are open to discussing over the phone, email or a quick teleconference.

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## CANADA JOB GRANT PROPOSAL-BACKGROUNDER

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### **FEDERAL PROPOSAL**

- The Canada Job Grant will provide up to \$15,000 per person for access to training at eligible institutions, including community colleges, career colleges and trade union training centres. Up to \$5,000 per person will be provided by the federal government, with matching support from provinces and employers.

### **Funding Arrangements:**

- The federal share of the Canada Job Grant will come from existing LMA funding (\$500 million) and will be negotiated in 2013-14 as part of the LMA renewal in 2014.
  - Duration of the new agreement will be four years with provisions for early termination.
- As proposed, the transition to the Canada Job Grant will be phased in over four years:
  - 15% (\$75 million) of LMA funding to the Canada Job Grant in 2014-15;
  - 30% (\$150 million) in 2015-16;
  - 45% (\$225 million) in 2016-17; and,
  - 60% (\$300 million) in 2017-18.
- Provincial contribution must be "new" money, not reprofiling of the unencumbered 40% (\$200 million) of the federal LMA allocation.

### **Canada Job Grant Program Operations:**

- Provinces set criteria for Job Grant eligible types of training.
- Eligible employers and eligible institutions, including on-the-job training.
  - All Canadians are eligible for training. Priority should be placed on unemployed and underemployed workers and employed workers looking for a better job.
- Businesses with a plan to train unemployed and underemployed Canadians apply to provinces for the grant for eligible workers or unemployed persons.
- Eligible employees or persons would receive a voucher for eligible training.
  - Only direct expenses (e.g., tuition, books) are eligible for Job Grant funding.
- **TBD:** requirements for an employers' plan to train Canadians, funding arrangements, voucher system, criteria for educational institutions and types of eligible training.

**Accountability and Reporting:**

- PTs are expected to consult with employers, stakeholders and representatives of official minority language groups in setting goals/targets for workforce development.
  - These goals and progress on achieving them will be included in the annual report to the federal government
- Provinces will report on outcomes to the federal government, including:
  - achieving goals stated in program objectives, including how administration of the program is being streamlined;
  - independently audited financial statements;
  - program performance evaluation; and,
  - reporting to the federal government that can be used in the federal report to the public on program progress.
- **TBD:** order of government that will develop the performance metrics efficiency, desired outcomes, support for official minority language communities, etc.

**ANALYSIS**



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**Subject:** RE: Urgent: LMA - Aboriginal people

Shannon as requested, please find key bullets that the Premier could speak too with supporting background information regarding the LMA and Aboriginal programming. Please advise if you would like anything added.

### Speaking Bullets

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### Background Bullets

- Under the existing LMA, over \$13M is targeted at aboriginal training to meet labour market needs (e.g. Aboriginal Trades Training Programs, Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Skills Training, Aboriginal Training for Employment, First Nations forestry and skilled trades training).
- Aboriginal people also access skills training through BC's general LMA programs (non-targeted). For example, in 2012/13, targeted programming served a total of 2,640 Aboriginal participants, while an additional 2,100 Aboriginal participants received training and supports under general programming.
- Overall, the Province provides over \$36M in funding to Aboriginal-focused skills training programs and services through Provincial funding, the Labour Market Agreement, and the Labour Market Development Agreement. Programming includes entrepreneurship training, trades training, skills development and upgrading, employment readiness, and community-based and cultural-based training.
- The LMA is one of the key funding mechanisms to address BC's labour and skill shortages, including skills training for Aboriginal peoples.
- In the NW, 58% of the adult aboriginal population is considered low-skilled, compared to the 36% of non-aboriginal population considered low-skilled. In the NE, 54% of the adult aboriginal population is considered low-skilled, compared to the 34% of non-aboriginal population considered low-skilled.

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**Subject:** RE: urgent: LMA - Aboriginal people

Just 3-5 key bullets at level that Premier would speak to and key background bullets to support if needed – by email fine – thx

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**Subject:** RE: urgent: LMA - Aboriginal people

Thanks Shannon, yes will draft something up by end of day for you to review.

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**Subject:** urgent: LMA - Aboriginal people  
**Importance:** High

See below – uzanne can you please draft – check in with bindi re: LMA – key points to consider :

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Thx Shannon

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**To:** Baskerville, Shannon JTST:EX

**Subject:** LMA - Aboriginal people

Shannon:

Premiers will be meeting with the leaders of the National Aboriginal Organizations next week – just before COF.

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Many thanks,

Pierrette

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**Subject:** RE: COF Communiqué Language

Thx Debbie – I have no problem with this communiqué.

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I've shared with Shannon as well...

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**Cc:** Craven, Paul IGRS:EX  
**Subject:** COF Communiqué Language

Hello all,

COF communiqué language has been finalized among senior officials, but still will be worked on by Premiers and senior officials in the room during the meetings. Language is below, and please send any suggestions to Paul Craven.

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Thanks  
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**Stock Messaging:**

- The Labour Market Agreement is one of the key funding mechanisms to address B.C.'s labour and skill shortages, a key commitment of the BC Jobs Plan.
- B.C. must maintain an active role in the delivery of LMA funded training, including the Canada Job Grant, to ensure that British Columbians get the skills and training needed to access job opportunities in their communities.
- B.C. has been very successful in achieving strong outcomes under the current LMA.
- We want to continue to build on these strong outcomes for a renewed Labour Market Agreement, including the Canada Jobs Grant.



- We will be starting discussions with the federal government the coming months on the Canada Jobs Grant and will make sure this investment targets the training that British Columbians need for the jobs of today and tomorrow
- Our key concern is that B.C. retains the flexibility and strategic control over the funds so they are deployed the best possible way, so we want to ensure the Canada Jobs Plan supports this direction.
- The Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Agreement (LMA) was signed in 2008 and provides the province with \$394M over six years (approximately \$66M per year) to invest in labour market programs and services for unemployed individuals who:
  - Are not eligible for Employment Insurance (EI) programs and services
  - Or are employed individuals who are low-skilled.
- As a direct result of federal funding through the LMA, thousands of British Columbians are receiving training that will advance their careers, assist in securing new employment, and ultimately improve the social and economic outcomes of individuals, British Columbia and Canada.
- Between 2008 and 2012, the LMA has provided training to approximately 75,000 individuals throughout the province.
- The BC Jobs Plan and Skills and Training Plan are helping to align LMA skills training policy and programs with regional and sector-specific needs, and are addressing important skills shortages in priority growth sectors and major investment projects throughout the province.

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**Subject: FINAL communique on Canada Job Grant**

The attached communique was issued today on the Canada Job Grant. It will be posted to the COF website very shortly.

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### **Canada's Premiers continue to have concerns with proposed Canada Job Grant**

**NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, July 25, 2013** - Provinces and territories have jurisdiction for skills training and labour market programs. Each designs, delivers, and reports publicly on training programs that reflect local labour market needs, including some programs funded in part by the federal government.

In its 2013 Budget, the federal government announced its intention to change the way it contributes to training programs in Canada. While Premiers support involvement by employers in skills and job training and targeting programs to better meet employers' needs, they are concerned that the proposed changes would jeopardize the success of current training programs already in place, particularly those programs that help the most vulnerable people who need additional supports to find jobs.

If implemented, the proposed Canada Job Grant would effectively remove all of the funding for labour market agreement programming. It would require provinces and territories to find more than \$600 million in additional funding to maintain current labour market training programs for vulnerable people as well as funding for cost-matching of federal programs. Furthermore, it is unclear if employers, particularly small businesses, will participate.

The federal government must collaborate with provinces and territories and support them in a way they can ensure the most effective and successful programs will continue to benefit Canadians. Premiers reiterated that federal funding agreements or initiatives such as the proposed Canada Job Grant must allow jurisdictions to opt out, with full compensation.

Federal funding for skills training and labour market programs must be adequate, flexible, equitable, long-term, predictable and not mandate cost matching to ensure workers can access the labour force and employers can hire the workers they need.

As a way forward, Premiers asked Premiers Clark and Alward to take the lead on the issues of labour market and labour force development and skills training. They will report back to Premiers in Fall 2013. All Premiers are calling for a federal-provincial-territorial meeting of the Forum of Labour Market Ministers to discuss these important issues.

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**To:** Hazemi, Leila JTST:EX; Rowe, Katherine JTST:EX  
**Subject:** URGENT: s13

Hi Leila / Katherine,

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Katherine

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Appreciate if you can get it back to me by 3PM.

Thanks,

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**To:** Craven, Paul IGRS:EX  
**Cc:** Hazemi, Leila JTST:EX; Rowe, Katherine JTST:EX  
**Subject:** RE: s13

Hi Paul,

Some suggested changes and bullets for BC below. Don't have the info for other jurisdictions at this point.

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Minister Carr,

Thank you for getting back to me with your feedback. Staff have completed the summary to be sent to Provincial and Territorial partners (hopefully tomorrow).

If you could kindly review and provide final sign off, we will ensure the summary report is sent out. Once approved, I will work with your staff to get an eSignature inserted.

Thank you,

Lindsay Gardner

Ministerial Assistant to the Honourable Shirley Bond

250-893-8200

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