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**You are invited to a conversation about a
new assistive technology program for people living with disabilities in B.C.**

As part of the B.C. government's Accessibility 2024 Action Plan, the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation is designing a new assistive technology program, **Technology at Work**, to support employment for people with disabilities.

We are seeking input from users of assistive technology to assist us in designing this new program. Your feedback and comments will help inform the development of **Technology at Work** to meet the needs of the community.

When: **Thursday November 27, 2014**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration and refreshments starting at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Sheraton Guildford Hotel

15269 104 Avenue

Surrey, BC

RSVP: Please RSVP by **Wednesday November 19, 2014** to

Diversity.ClientInclusion@gov.bc.ca (subject line: Consultation Session)

Please also indicate any disability related accommodations you may require or any dietary restrictions we should be aware of.

Notes: Space is limited and will be offered on a *first come, first serve basis*.

To prepare you for the dialogue, a short information sheet will be provided one week in advance. If you require plain text materials, please advise us at the time you RSVP.



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Technology at Work

User Input Session

Welcome

Thank you for participating in this session.

Agenda

1:00	Registration and Refreshments
1:30	Welcome
1:35	Overview of agenda
1:40	Roundtable Conversations
2:30	BREAK
2:40	Roundtable Conversations Continued
3:25	Thank You and Wrap-up



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Accessibility 2024

- **10 year action plan** built around **12 building blocks**, each with goals, measures and commitments for how we, as a society, can work together to **increase accessibility by 2024**
- Goal of the Employment building block is to have the **highest** labour market **participation rate** for **people with disabilities** in Canada **by 2024**
- **\$3 million investment in a new assistive technology** program to help people with disabilities looking for work successfully gain employment



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New Assistive Technology Program

As part of the B.C. government's Accessibility 2024 Action Plan, the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation is designing a new program called **Technology at Work**.

The purpose of **Technology at Work** is to support employment for people with disabilities who require assistive technology.

Technology at Work will help individuals and employers determine and acquire the assistive technology that meets the needs of the individual and the employment situation.

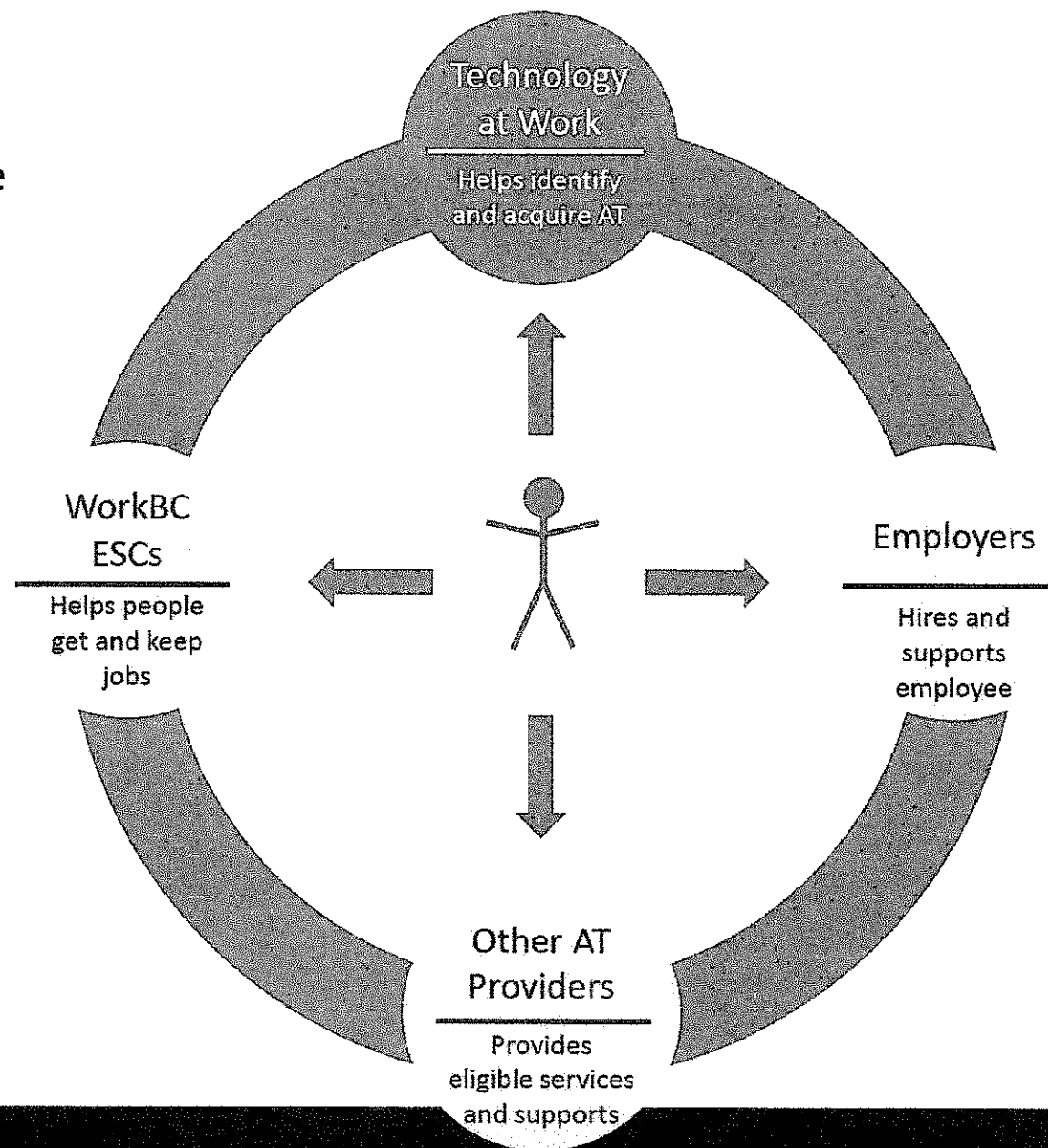


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Technology at Work will be flexible and allow multiple ways for individuals to access the program.

Technology at Work will complement existing programs.

Technology at Work will create partnerships that work together to support the individual and the employer.



Purpose of Today

- To get **your input and ideas** on what the Ministry needs to consider in the **design of this new program**.
- To have **facilitated roundtable conversations** based on three discussion questions.



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Roundtable Discussion Questions

Tell us your experiences, solutions and suggestions related to the following questions:

- What do you think the Ministry should consider in **developing this new program**?
- In your experience, what **assistive technologies and services** were most helpful for you **to get and keep a job**?
- What **supports** do you think **employers need in hiring** people with disabilities?

Technology at Work – User Input Session

Thank you for participating in the conversation

We are bringing together users of assistive technology together to provide input on the design of a new assistive technology program that supports persons with disabilities gain employment. The input produced through this consultation will be an important contribution to the efforts to improve labour market participation for persons with disabilities.

Purpose of the Background Document

This document is designed to provide participants of the consultation with information about what to expect from the session. Copies of this document will be provided at the session for reference.

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A microphone will be used by speakers during the introduction and closing portions of the event. Microphones will not be available for use during the small group discussions.

If there are additional comments you would like to submit, please send them to Diversity.ClientInclusion@gov.bc.ca. Every effort will be made to ensure privacy of information collected.

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