



Press Release

Supply Chain Career Focus Program: Funds Available to Help Companies Hire New Employees

August 6, 2009, Mississauga, Ontario – The Canadian Supply Chain Sector Council (the CSCSC) has initiated a Career Focus program for the supply chain sector, through which funds are to be made available to employers for wage subsidies. The subsidies are for use in hiring new employees between the ages of 15 and 30 who are under-employed or unemployed, and graduates of college, university or other training programs focused on the supply chain and its related competencies. Preference will be given to graduates of programs accredited by the Council as part of its National Accreditation Program (NAP).

The maximum subsidy for a single new hire is \$15,000.

Current economic conditions, along with imminent skilled-worker shortages in the sector, are expected to make this a very attractive program to employers. The wage subsidies will enable employers to hire even in the present down cycle to help with both current needs and the anticipated growth in human-resource needs that will accompany the upturn. The three-year program is expected to help Canadian companies hire 50 or more new employees.

Additionally, the Career Focus program should serve to raise awareness of supply chain management careers among young Canadians. The CSCSC will provide information to students about the program through college and university career offices, thereby reaching a large group of young people as they prepare to launch their careers. Getting information to youth as they make their early career choices is a key objective of the CSCSC.

The Canadian Supply Chain Sector Council is an all-stakeholder, not-for-profit organization responsible for the human resources strategy for the supply chain sector in Canada. The CSCSC is funded by the Government of Canada's Sector Council Program.

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