

Labour force skills, availability, and productivity are increasingly becoming major factors in economic development decisions.

The North Superior Training Board (NSTB) is a locally governed organization with the mandate to facilitate labour market development, including research, planning and implementation of partnership projects to help advance local labour market priorities. Partnership includes the Northwestern Ontario Development Network (NODN), a Northwestern Ontario regional economic development organization whose mandate includes regional initiatives, training and communication for economic development practitioners.

This short survey is intended as the start to a more closely aligned working relationship between NSTB and area economic development organizations. Your thoughts and ideas as to how NSTB can work with you toward achieving shared objectives are appreciated. Results will be unveiled at the 2nd Annual Economic Development Practitioners Conference (EDPC) held Friday, March 27th, 2009.

1. Please fill in the contact information below:

Organization Name:

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

2. From your perspective what are the 2-3 workforce challenges or barriers facing employers? (Example: can't find the skills needed, etc.)

One

Two

Three

3. What kinds of information, resources and assistance are in highest demand from the business/industry community in relation to Information Demands?

a.

b.

4. What kinds of information, resources and assistance are in highest demand from the business/industry community in relation to Resource Demands (e.g. workforce wage/skill programs, etc.)?

a.

b.

c.

5. What kinds of information, resources and assistance are in highest demand from the business/industry community in relation to Assistance Demands (e.g. hiring and other HR matters; succession planning, etc.)?

a.

b.

6. How might NSTB be able to either assist with providing this information to area employers, or, providing information and assistance through your organization to help meet employer needs?

NSTB can help by:

7. From an economic development perspective - over the next 2-3 years, should labour market development efforts be focused on:

- a. existing and emerging business/industry sectors?
- b. business/industry sectors facing decline or closure?
- c. both equally?

d. Other (please specify):

8. What sectors are your organization's current projects addressing? (eg. Downtown revitalization, waterfront development, etc.)

a.

b.

c.

9. Does your organization have a strategic plan?

Yes

No

10. If you answered yes to Question #9, do your strategic plans projects coincide with your current projects? If not, what sectors/areas do your strategic plan projects address? Please explain.

11. What labour market information, resources or economic development resources/tools would help in your work?

a.

b.

c.

12. What opportunities do you see existing for NSTB or NODN to work with your organization to support labour market development or economic development?

a.

b.

c.