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Labour Funding and Training Opportunities Business Breakfast Event

Drayton Valley, Alberta, January 21, 2015 - Brazeau County is organizing an EARNetwork business breakfast on February 10, 2015 at 7:15 am at the MacKenzie Conference Centre; EARN stands for Employee Attraction and Retention Network. The purpose of the event is to connect businesses with government funding experts and training providers, presenting existing resources that support training and development of small and medium businesses.

Representatives from the Province of Alberta and the National Research Council will provide presentations on labour force funding opportunities through the new Canada-Alberta Job Grant and the Youth Employment Program. The Canada-Alberta Job Grant offers 2/3 of the direct training cost being reimbursed up to \$10,000 per person and up to \$300,000 per company, where the Youth Employment Program delivered by NRC-IRAP provides financial assistance to innovative small and medium enterprises to hire highly skilled post-secondary graduates. Also on hand with booth displays will be customized and in-house training solutions from Red Deer College, SAIT, NorQuest, NAIT, Go Productivity, Vital Learning and others.

Shirley Mahan, Brazeau County acting Reeve states "This is a perfect opportunity for local businesses to discover how to utilize training dollars available from the Province to provide their employees with the right skills. Training institutions will be right there, ready to talk directly to the companies about their needs".

For event information, please contact Evelyn Jambrosic at Brazeau County at 780 542 7777 or visit www.brazeau.ab.ca. To register, please send an email to: Aspence@brazeau.ab.ca by February 3rd.