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## The Department of Education seeks provider of labour market services for persons with disabilities

WHITEHORSE—The Department of Education has issued a request for proposals (RFP) for the provision of labour market participant services for persons with disabilities.

"The Yukon government is committed to helping Yukoners find, gain, and maintain employment," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "We have a suite of programs to help persons with disabilities to be successful at work. An important part of the program mix is to provide case management services and referrals to labour market programming, which is the focus of this RFP."

The Labour Market Programs and Service unit invites proposals from non-government organizations to provide labour market services to job seekers with disabilities. The program is funded under the Canada-Yukon Labour Market Development Agreement.

"The successful service provider will have the capacity to provide quality case management services. We need to help participants find, obtain and maintain employment, or gain skills and resources to improve employment outcomes," Graham added.

An RFP briefing will be held February 27. The closing date for submissions is March 27.

In addition to the services provided under the Canada-Yukon Labour Market Development Agreement, the Department of Education offers further support through the Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities. Yukon signed the agreement with Canada last February for \$1.25 million in funding per year through 2018.

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