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Yukon delegates at Pan-Canadian Skills Summit

CHARLOTTETOWN—The education and labour ministers from Canada's 13 provinces and territories met July 9-10 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island for a major pan-Canadian symposium on skills.

This invitation-only event, co-hosted by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) and the Forum of Labour Market Ministers (FLMM), will include presentations from Canadian and international experts. The ministers will be joined by labour leaders, academics and representatives from non-profit organizations and regional associations, including seven delegates from Yukon.

"Working in partnership with business, labour and academia to address the training needs of Yukoners, and ensuring opportunities are available to improve their skills, knowledge and abilities are vital to the continued success of our territory," Education Minister Elaine Taylor said.

Minister Taylor will be joined in P.E.I. by:

- Karen Barnes, president, Yukon College
- Justin Ferbey, chief executive officer, Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation
- Samson Hartland, executive director, Yukon Chamber of Mines
- Brian MacDonald, president, Yukon First Nations Chamber of Commerce
- Rick Goodfellow, executive director, Challenge Community Vocational Alternatives
- Blake Rogers, executive director, Tourism Industry Association of Yukon
- Debra Edzerza, executive director, Yukon Women in Trades and Technology

The symposium includes a variety of panels on Canadian and international approaches to training and labour market issues. These interactive panels have been designed to facilitate dialogue among participants.

"The Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation has invested in a number of social innovations. Participating in the *Skills for the Future* symposium will allow us to further refine our offerings to assist our youth's professional aspirations", Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation chief executive officer Justin Ferbey said. "The symposium offers a number of sessions focused on innovation and entrepreneurship in the workforce. To have insight into the latest thinking in this field will prove invaluable in our local efforts."

The symposium was requested by premiers at the July 2013 meeting of the Council of the Federation (COF) as part of their commitment to ensure that all Canadians have the skills and training they need to compete in the global economy. The *Skills for the Future* symposium provides an opportunity for delegates to benefit from the diversity of provincial and territorial skills training systems.

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