

Community Partnership #2

<p>Partnership Title: "New Futures", Transition of Displaced Auto Workers</p>	<p>Partnership Type: Other Workforce Development</p>
<p>Description of Proposed Partnership: Exchange ideas and develop strategies through a series of quarterly meetings with unions, service providers, action centre coordinators and government to facilitate the transition and return to the labour force of displaced auto sector workers.</p> <p><i>Origin of Partnership: 2008 TOP Report – Trend: Shift in Key Employment Sectors, Issue #3, p. 12-13.</i></p>	
<p>Role of Local Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participate in key stakeholder meetings. • identify economic sectors where skills shortages exist. • develop recommendations and action plans. • report progress and outcomes. 	
<p>Projected Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 meetings with key stakeholders will take place, featuring guest speakers. • data will be shared and strategies developed to fast track those with skills in demand into the labour market or into appropriate training. • further strategies will be developed to address needs of those lacking essential skills for competitive employment. 	
<p>Key Partners: <i>Industry/Labour:</i> Joint Union-Management Action Centres (Lear, Automodular Assemblies, A. G. Simpson). <i>Education:</i> UOIT/Durham College; Private Career Colleges. <i>Employment Agencies/Service Providers:</i> Northern Lights Canada. <i>Government:</i> Durham Rapid Response Service Team (representatives from various ministries in federal and provincial government).</p>	
<p>Projected Participation: TBD.</p>	
<p>Projected Timelines: Ongoing.</p>	<p>COMPLETED/ONGOING</p>
<p>Potential Products: Quarterly reports on progress.</p>	
<p>Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Response Team has met on a regular basis since November 2007. • local stakeholder representatives have met regularly since January 2008 and continue to explore options and progress, and assess future opportunities. • Exploratory meetings have taken place regarding opening up retraining options in light of demand for skilled workers in the health care (registered practical nursing, personal support worker) and transportation-cartage industry. • Additional meetings planned with partners with a focus on construction, equine management and gaming. • Creation of paper-based tool kit with 1,000 kits printed to be distributed in Spring • DRLTB actively participating in the development of a Community Adjustment Strategy for the Durham Region. • This issue will receive additional attention in the Integrated Labour Market Planning demonstration pilot project, with a draft plan to be released following extensive community consultations in April 2009. 	