

Community Partnership #3

<p>Partnership Title: "Welcome Centre Durham", Serving the Needs of Immigrants</p>	<p>Partnership Type: Internationally Trained Persons</p>
<p>Description of Proposed Partnership: Revise a multi-year proposal based on a model where settlement, language, credential assessment and employment services are available from a single location, and secure government funding to establish Welcome Centres for immigrants in Durham Region.</p> <p><i>Origin of Partnership: 2008 TOP Report – Trend: Marginalized Workforce, Issue #6, p. 15-16.</i></p>	
<p>Role of Local Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide timely labour market information with specific focus on employment outcomes for skilled newcomers and immigrants. • lead and facilitate focus group sessions with immigrants to identify barriers to full labour market integration. • support the development of a comprehensive business case to justify need for a welcome centre. • perform research and analysis; inform the partnership and provide a base of evidence to improve the business case. • liaise with networks, agencies, programs, government and industry. 	
<p>Projected Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first centre will be opened in 2008. • a case management system will be implemented to evaluate outcomes for immigrants. • gaps in services and barriers will be identified and initial steps taken to address. • comprehensive, "one stop" service will be available to newcomers and their families. 	
<p>Key Partners: <i>Industry:</i> TBD. <i>Education:</i> School Boards; Durham College/UOIT. <i>Government:</i> Citizenship & Immigration Canada; Regional Municipality of Durham. <i>Employment Agencies/Service Providers:</i> Community Development Council Durham; Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre.</p>	
<p>Projected Participation: TBD.</p>	
<p>Projected Timelines: May-December 2008.</p>	<h1>COMPLETED/ONGOING</h1>
<p>Potential Products: Final report on outcomes of public consultation process.</p>	
<p>Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposal to create a Local Immigration Partnership Council was submitted May 6th, 2008 by the Regional Municipality of Durham to Citizenship & Immigration Canada for phase one funding; funding has been approved. • Community consultation took place October 17th, 2008. • Resulting community strategy and partner roles and responsibilities defined; DRLTB will lead development of labour market integration strategy. • DRLTB has been asked by the Region to be a member of the Local Immigration Council 	