

### **Community Partnership #2**

<p><b>Partnership Title:</b> Training and Employment Needs Survey of Durham's Agricultural Sector</p>	<p><b>Partnership Type:</b> Business/Employer Outreach</p>
<p><b>Description of Proposed Partnership:</b> Conduct a survey of 1,200 farm and agri-business operations to identify gaps and barriers in current training and employment, and to address those barriers. <i>Related TOP issue(2007) – agriculture needs to project a more positive industry image, raise public awareness, and attract new entrants to the sector.</i></p>	
<p><b>Role of Local Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• participate in research advisory committee made up of key industry stakeholders.</li> <li>• review summary report of findings.</li> <li>• lead community focus groups to analyze results.</li> <li>• develop recommendations and action plans.</li> <li>• report progress and outcomes.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Projected Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20% response or approximately 240 surveys will be returned and tabulated.</li> <li>• results will be communicated to, and validated by, major industry stakeholders and agricultural commodity groups.</li> <li>• evaluation of outcomes will take place at regular intervals.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Key Partners:</b> <i>Industry:</i> Durham Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Farm Commodity Groups, Ontario Federation of Agriculture. <i>Education:</i> UOIT/Durham College. <i>Other:</i> Community Development Council of Durham, North Durham Social Development Council. <i>Government:</i> Regional Municipality of Durham Economic Development and Trade Department, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.</p>	
<p><b>Projected Participation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minimum of 50 operators/managers will participate in 3 or more community focus group sessions.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Projected Timelines:</b> Survey tabulation February-March 2007. Summary report of survey results to industry by March 2007. Consultations March-May 2007.</p>	
<p><b>Potential Products:</b> Report on Survey Results.</p>	
<p><b>Completion Date:</b> October 2007</p>	
<p><b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 305 surveys returned and tabulated.</li> <li>• results analyzed, summary presented to Durham Federation of Agriculture in June; final survey report with commodity cross-tabulation results published November 2007. (<a href="http://www.driltb.com/agriculture-survey-2007.pdf">http://www.driltb.com/agriculture-survey-2007.pdf</a>)</li> </ul>	