



Timmins Chamber of Commerce  
Chambre de commerce de Timmins

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **JOB FAIR DESIGNED TO HELP CONNECT EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS**

**Timmins** – The Timmins Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Far Northeast Training Board, Northern College, Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board and Collège Boréal, is hosting a Job Fair on **Monday May 14, 2007 from 2:00 to 8:00 pm** at the Days Inn. The Connections Job Fair is intended to bring together local employers to meet with the people in the community who are looking for work.

"We are pleased to bring this event to the community," commented **Ken Petersen, 2006-2007 Chamber President**, " Access to a skilled workforce was a major concern for our Chamber membership at the onset of the year and this event is designed to help address that need. We encourage local businesses, regardless of size, to take full advantage of this event. Thanks to the support of the partners, the cost for business to participate is very affordable and free for job seekers." "

"As a partner in the Job Fair, the Far Northeast Training Board sees this as an opportunity to address the needs of the local labour market, finding employees can be difficult and bringing everyone together in one forum is often an easier way for both the employer and the job seekers," says **Julie Joncas, Executive Director of the Far Northeast Training Board**. "Job seekers are not always unemployed, they may be underemployed or just looking for a career change and we encourage everyone to attend just to see the variety of jobs available in the Timmins market."

"We have committed to promoting this event with our clients. Often employment starts with an opportunity for potential employees just to meet with an employer. This is that important first step," explains **David Landers, CAO of the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board**."

"The timing of the job fair is important to our Northern College graduating and continuing students who need to find employment," emphasizes **Jim Chalmers, Northern College**. "This is a great opportunity for employers to meet with these graduates first in their job search."

"Collège Boréal found value in this project as a method to support our employment services department and our students," explains **Doris Blouin-Harrison, College Boreal**.

#### ***What are the objectives of the Job Fair?***

The Job Fair is intended to:

- connect employers and the individuals who are looking for work (full-time, part-time or occasional)

through networking

- connect young people seeking summer employment with employers
- connect employment readiness services with the business community
- connect job seekers with the skills that are required in the local labour market

***What are the advantages of the Job Fair for an employer?***

This is an excellent opportunity for local companies to:

- connect with potential candidates for current and future jobs
- connect with the community to market themselves as an employer of choice for individuals who are interested in entering or re-entering the labour market
- connect with job seekers and network with employment readiness service providers

***How to participate?***

To participate in this important initiative, employers must fill out a registration form available at [www.timminschamber.on.ca](http://www.timminschamber.on.ca) or by calling 360-1900.

All members of the job seeking general public are encouraged to attend this event at no charge.

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The Timmins Chamber represents more than 630 businesses in the City of Timmins, who employ more than 8000 residents.

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