

Hon. Kevin O'Brien  
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Dear Minister O' Brien;

I recent deliberations with our Labrador committee of the Rural Secretariat, we were discussing the Federal Temporary Foreign Worker Program in this province. As we all know, this program has its own unique set of structures and guidelines which employers must adhere to for bringing immigrants into salary positions into Canada and into our province.

Our question is this – Would there be a possible advantage to small business in our province, if your Department were to create structured guidelines and offer promotion of a similar inter-provincial work term program between rural communities, whereby employers would offer return airfare and source out accommodations for needed positions?

Leander Baikie, on behalf of,  
Regional Council of the Rural Secretariat Labrador,  
Office of Public Engagement

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cc. Hon. Charlene Johnson, Minister Responsible for Office of Public Engagement  
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**From:** Murphy, Marina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 3:56 PM  
**To:** s.30(1) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Field, Marilyn; Gilbert, Bruce; Snow, Michelle; Hogan, Dennis A.; Glynn, Valerie  
**Subject:** Correspondence regarding the concept of an inter-provincial work term program between rural communities

Please see response below from the Honourable Kevin O'Brien, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills:

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Dear Mr. Baikie:

Thank you for your correspondence with respect to the concept of an inter-provincial work term program between rural communities. I understand that you have recently been contacted by one of my senior officials, Dennis Hogan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Workforce Development and Immigration, to discuss your concept in more detail.

The Department of Advanced Education and Skills, through the Workforce Development Secretariat, is building stronger partnerships with major resource developers and other stakeholders to ensure effective responses to the changing labour market conditions in Newfoundland and Labrador. In this regard, my department is currently engaged with employers, labour organizations, community groups and education and training institutions in the development of a provincial workforce development strategy.

Your suggestions will be taken into consideration in this process as we continue to work with employers and other groups to explore possible solutions to the province's labour market challenges.

We appreciate your ongoing efforts to provide useful input into the work of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sincerely,

**KEVIN O'BRIEN**  
Minister

cc: Honourable Steve Kent, Minister responsible for Office of Public Engagement  
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