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## EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT SURVEY



The Chamber of Commerce and Lloydminster Economic Development Authority would like to get your feedback about the current need to recruit employees for Lloydminster.

Please take a few seconds to complete the brief 3-question survey:

[Click here to complete survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=_2bkWU7Dyu4s7DcPDGuKgL7w_3d_3d)

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=\\_2bkWU7Dyu4s7DcPDGuKgL7w\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=_2bkWU7Dyu4s7DcPDGuKgL7w_3d_3d)

**\*\*The first 30 Chamber members who complete the survey will be entered in a draw for two tickets to the Business Education Month Kick-off Luncheon in March.\*\***

Please enter your name and contact number in the comment box at the end of the survey if you wish to enter the draw.

## CANADIAN CHAMBER RESPONDS TO US "BUY AMERICAN" PROVISIONS



Dear Chamber Member:

As you know, the U.S. Senate will vote on Wednesday on the U.S. \$800B stimulus package. This package currently contains a "Buy American" provision and there are rumors that an even stronger provision may be added. It is essential that we do everything possible to get our U.S. friends to call their Senators and ask that these "Buy American" provisions to either be struck or to provide an exemption for Canada. (It is our understanding that the intention was to target countries that are dumping products into the U.S. and this does not apply to the strong bilateral trade relationship between Canada and the U.S.)

We have been working closely with the Canadian Embassy in Washington (see attached letter from Ambassador Wilson) and they've asked us to contact our chamber network for help. We're asking you to reach out today and call your U.S. suppliers, explain why this could backfire and ask them to contact their Senators would also have a positive impact. you have a relationship and explain that if Canadian companies are hurting it is going to result in

them buying less U.S. products and there exists the dreaded potential of Canadian and/or global retaliation. It would be very helpful if you asked your U.S. chamber friends to call their Senators asking them to not support this provision or to seek an exemption for Canada.

As well, anything you can do to encourage your members to call their U.S. suppliers, explain why this could backfire and ask them to contact their Senators would also have a positive impact.

**Time is of the essence.**

**Your assistance on this very important matter is appreciated.**

Perrin Beatty  
President and CEO

**The Conference Board of Canada invites you to share your perspectives and insights in an online survey on the “Challenges and Opportunities for Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SMEs) Suppliers in working with Multinational Corporations (MNCs).”**

We want to hear what you have to say about:

- § The challenges you've faced in seeking to partner with large multinational companies;
- § The opportunities you see for small business in connecting with large multinational companies;
- § What advice you have for large companies that deal with small and medium-sized suppliers;
- § What advice you have for government officials that want to encourage partnerships between small and medium-sized suppliers and large multinational companies.

**The Alberta Chambers of Commerce supports this research and hopes that you will take 15-20 minutes to complete the survey. Your responses are confidential. Data will be reported in aggregate terms and will not be attributed to any individual or organization.**

**[Click here to access the survey](http://conferenceboard.checkboxonline.com/SMEvaluechains.aspx)**

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**The survey will be available until the end of February**

Research findings from this study will be published in a final report, Challenges and Opportunities for SMEs in Working with MNCs, which will be made available for free download to the members of all participating organizations.

This survey forms part of a Canada-wide research project launched by the Conference Board of Canada's International Trade and Investment Centre (ITIC) and the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC). On behalf of the Conference Board of Canada and the Business Development Bank of Canada, thank you very much for taking the time to be part of this Canada-wide study.

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**FRAUD ALERT**

Please be aware of the following FRAUD ALERT.

We have been advised by Canada Revenue Agency of a mail fraud, targeted at taxpayers' which is currently occurring. They advise extreme caution when dealing with requests received for additional information.

[Click here for the link to the Canada Revenue Agency warning](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/nwsrm/lrts/2008/1080818-eng.html)  
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/nwsrm/lrts/2008/1080818-eng.html>

## FEBRUARY MIXER

**Where:** Lakeland College (Lloydminster Campus)

**When:** Wednesday February 11th at 4:30pm



**Chamber members, don't forget to attend our first Chamber mixer of 2009!**

This is a special mixer being held at Lakeland College in which current business students will be in attendance and eager to network with future employers. Come out and meet the faces of the business world's next generation.

**Also, you will not want to miss your chance to win two tickets to the Annual Vic Juba Theatre Gala on February 24th.**

The draw will take place at the mixer so you must be in attendance to win. Included with the tickets is a complimentary limo ride to and from the event courtesy of **Diamond Limousine**. This event is always a huge success and this year will feature the Ballet Jorgen's performance of *Romeo and Juliet*.

See you at the mixer!

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