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### **INNOVATIVE TRAINING PROGRAM OPENS FOR EMPLOYERS**

VICTORIA – The Workplace Training for Innovation Pilot program opens for application today, providing small business and not-for-profit employers in British Columbia with access to funding to support employee training, helping improve skills and productivity.

Available to employers in every community across the province, the \$15-million Workplace Training for Innovation Pilot, funded through the federal Strategic Training and Transition Fund, offers up to \$1,500 per employee – to a maximum of \$5,000 per employer – to support employee training.

The funding will support training activities, which may be up to six months in duration, and can be offered offsite or in-house. Both businesses and not-for-profit employers may be eligible to receive funding. Eligible employers must be a small organization of less than 50 employees, in good standing with the BC Corporate Registry, and in existence for one year or more.

Eligible costs include training purchase costs, books and study materials. The program is designed to provide eligible employers with funding for employee training in order to:

- Improve productivity.
- Support the introduction of new technology, machinery or work processes.
- Enhance international competitiveness.
- Introduce innovative training to increase the long-term competitiveness of the organization and its workforce.

Applications will be accepted until Jan. 31, 2011. They will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and will be subject to available funding.

For more information please go to:  
[www.aved.gov.bc.ca/workplace\\_training\\_program/welcome.htm](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/workplace_training_program/welcome.htm).

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