

**Ontario Region LINC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 12, 2005**

Discussion about LINC Levels 6 and 7

ORLAC recommends streamed courses to provide enhanced language skills for academic and generic purposes, including social interaction, employment-focused communications practices, as well as skills with a focus on listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Sector Updates:

Colleges:

- Colleges Integrating Immigrants to Employment (CIITE) is on track and 24 – 25 programs will be benchmarked across the college system.

MCI:

- There is a new veterinarian bridging project.
- Access to Professions and Trades (APT) is still with MCI.

TESL Ontario:

- TESL met with Deputy Minister Joan Andrew (MCI) regarding the transfer of adult ESL to MCI and has been assured that TESL will be consulted throughout the transfer process.
- Over 700 delegates attended last month's conference and there were over 125 volunteer presenters
- The most recent issue of *Contact* is now online – the new editor Clayton Graves collaborated on this issue and will do the next one on his own.

CESBA:

- The CESBA Conference was held December 8th and 9th and attended by Ministers Kennedy and Colle, as well as the Lieutenant-Governor.
- December 7th was Literacy and Basic Skills Managers' Day.

Childminding:

- First Aid and CPR training is ongoing at the Centres.

OCASI:

- The official launch of "Attracting and Retaining Immigrants: A Tool Box of Ideas for Smaller Centres" has been postponed to next year.

CIC Regional Programs:

- 195 sets of SAM are to be sent out to individual Ontario LINC programs as part of the funding agreement between CIC, Prairies Region, and GP Smith Consulting Inc., Edmonton.

Status of Current RFPs:

I. Nine submissions have been received for: **Conduct a Scan of On-line Professional Development Materials and Resources for Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada.**

II. Eight submissions have been received for: **Develop an On-line Learning Management System for Ontario LINC Assessors, Instructors, Childminders and Administrators.**

Discussions about these proposals will begin on January 20, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The next meeting is Friday, January 20, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 130 Adelaide Street West, Suite 1500.