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jobsOntario program working in Halton

In September 1992 the Regional Municipality of Halton was given the responsibility of delivering the jobsOntario • Training program within the Region of Halton. jobsOntario • Training is a three year provincial initiative designed to get the province's long term unemployed back to work and to give private sector employers the opportunity and funding to upgrade the skills of new and existing workers.

Since October 1992, when jobsOntario • Training

became fully functional at the Region of Halton, 333 people have been placed into new full time positions. These jobs vary in scope from general laborer, to office administration positions, computer programmers, mechanics, machinists, accountants, sales representatives, plant supervisors, technicians, engineers, etc. The salary range of these new jobs has varied from those paying minimum wage through to positions paying \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year. In the immediate future, four

large Halton-based companies will be hiring a total of 300 to 500 new employees under the Economic Renewal arm of jobsOntario • Training. The names of these companies is currently confidential, but will be released in the near future.

As a broker of jobsOntario • Training, the Region of Halton responds to the training needs of local for-profit businesses by providing training funds to assist these companies when they hire new employees into new jobs. The Region of Halton also works with potential employees, by registering them for the program, providing pre-employment training if necessary and matching the candidates' skills and background to the needs and requests of the employers.

For a company to be eligible for jobsOntario • Training funds, the business must be in operation for six months or more and have a need to hire new employees in new positions. jobsOntario

• Training will provide the employer with actual training costs, up to 35% of each new employee's salary, to a maximum amount of \$10,000. The funds are to be used for training and updating the skills of the new employees and existing staff. Potential new employees are Ontario residents who have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits or are receiving social assistance.

To date, 1856 potential employees and 330 local companies have registered with jobsOntario • Training in Halton. From these 330 companies, as mentioned above, 333 individuals have been hired into new full time jobs and approximately 100 positions are currently open. During the three year provincial initiative, the Region of Halton hopes to place approximately 1800 individuals into new full time jobs.

For more information and to register for jobsOntario • Training, contact the Region of Halton's direct jobsOntario • Training line at 825-6171.

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