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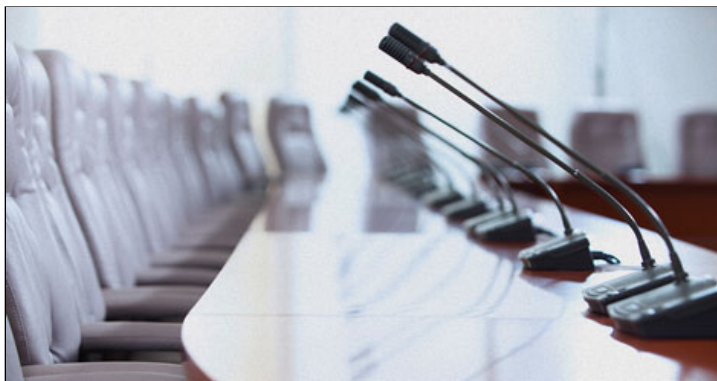
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## NEWS RELEASE

### NORTHERN POLICY INSTITUTE

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In order to succeed, Northern Ontario businesses and organizations need to understand the issues and challenges that they face in the North.

Northern Policy Institute is encouraging businesses and organizations across the region to participate in the Employer One Survey.

The Employer One Survey is funded by Employment Ontario and is distributed by the six Workforce Planning Boards in Northern Ontario.

The survey collects data on a variety of workforce issues, including:

- Projected vacancies
- Hiring employees
- Recruitment strategies and challenges
- Candidate skills, education, and training

Promoting the Employer One Survey is part of Northern Policy Institute's #KnowtheNorth, an ongoing project designed to gather information about Northern Ontario.

By assisting the Workforce Planning Boards with collecting this information, Northern Policy Institute hopes that more employers will complete the survey to create a stronger understanding of the issues and challenges facing businesses and organizations in the North in order to help them grow.

"We all want government to make evidence based decisions," says Northern Policy Institute President, Charles Cirtwill. "They can't do that if we refuse to supply the evidence. I know most of us are busy keeping our operations running, and I appreciate that time is indeed money. But 15 minutes isn't too much to ask to help government better understand what help we do, or do not, need from them. Take the 15 minutes, click a link, and tell the planning boards how things are going in your organization."

All media outlets are reminded that they, too, are employers and are encouraged to fill out the Employer One Survey.

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The deadline to complete the survey is October 31 for Far Northeast, and November 30 for the remaining planning boards.

The survey can be found on the following Workforce Planning Board websites:

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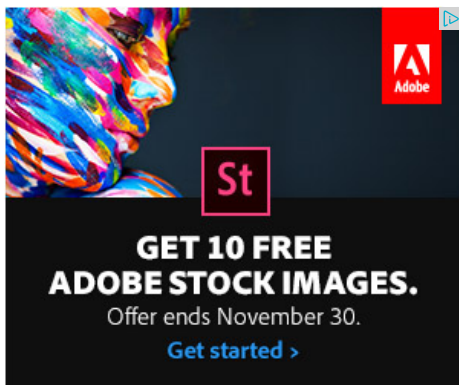
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**Jean Doobie**  
 How about having one for employees, as we are the ones that make things happen. Proper workplace training, in school training for the trades, and proper testing methods. The people that have the skills are not being trained and tested properly in this province, and they wonder why there is a shortage of skilled trades. The government does not want fair testing, do not check up on apprentices to see if the training needs are met in school and on the floor. The colleges of trades is a farce at best.

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