

E-PPRENTICE BACKGROUNDER
Announcement of RFP winners
June 25, 2009

There are two successful partnership organizations in the first round of RFPs for design, development and initial implementation of flexible trades training program options:

1. Camosun College, in collaboration with
 - **Institutional partners:** Northern Lights College and Okanagan College;
 - **Industry partners:** Executive Chef Melissa Craig, Chef Andrew George, Executive Chef Vincent Stufano, Chef Steve Walker-Duncan; and
 - **eLearning partners:** eTraffic Solutions and Desire2Learn.
2. The Piping Industry Apprenticeship Board (PIAB) United Association (UA) Training Centre in collaboration with
 - **eLearning partner:** Lambda Solutions

The RFP requested proposals for development of a flexible learning program for millwrights, however a successful proponent was not found. This section of the RFP will be re-issued in the next call for proposals.

- As a pilot to the E-PPRENTICE program Vancouver Community College developed flexible learning offerings for auto service technician (AST) and auto collision repair programs. The AST course is now available and is recruiting and enrolling students. Classes will begin in June, 2009.
- To date, six million dollars has been committed to fund E-PPRENTICE. Funding for E-PPRENTICE is provided by the Industry Training Authority, through the Labour Market Agreement between the Governments of British Columbia and Canada.
- E-PPRENTICE program and course offerings will reduce face to face classroom time for students. Because significant portions of programs may be appropriate for online delivery, students will have a flexible and convenient learning option that allows them to maintain employment and stay in their home community while studying.
- E-PPRENTICE does not replace traditional trades training offered through post-secondary institutions around B.C. It is simply another option, making it easier for some students to achieve quality trades training.
- A second RFP is scheduled to be issued in two phases:
 - Phase I – July 2009: Expression of Interest to public and private post-secondary institutions, industry partners and new media/e-learning companies
 - Networking event – late August 2009: Mixer event to connect post-secondary institutions, industry partners and new media/e-learning companies interested in bidding on RFP.
 - Phase II – September 2009: Second call for proposals to develop online course offerings for three trades. A call for proposals to develop online courses for millwrights will be re-issued at this time.

ITA developed the E-PPRENTICE program in consultation and collaboration with the trades training community in B.C. including:

- Flexible learning experts
- Public post-secondary training institutions
- BCcampus
- Industry training organizations such as: Construction Industry Training Organization (CITO), Resource Training Organization (RTO), and PROPEL (tourism and hospitality)
- New Media BC

The E-PPRENTICE program is led and coordinated by BCcampus on behalf of ITA.

ITA manages BC's trades training system and works collaboratively with industry, training providers, labour unions, government and other stakeholders to provide career development opportunities for individual British Columbians. BCcampus is responsible for leading and coordinating the new E-PPRENTICE program on behalf of ITA.

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