

Joint Community and Government Committee

On Disability – Related Employment and income Assistance Issues
Community Members

Dear Service Provider; community members; and, employees:

The community is once again planning an Employer Reception to recognize those who have shown leadership in the recruitment, hiring and advancement of persons with disabilities in their workplace. Over the past three years consumers, job seekers and employment service agencies have witnessed a growing understanding of the need to utilize the skills of persons with disabilities. Your participation in this event has been very meaningful in making this a prestigious event in our Province, and we thank you.

We are planning to hold the Reception on ***Thursday, October 30, 2014.*** Last year the event was held at the Legislative Building, while the set was indeed impressive the acoustics were not as desirable as we had hoped. This year we will be using the Golden Boy Room within the Legislative Building.

Attached is the nomination form which you are invited to complete and return. Please use this opportunity to acknowledge employers who are actively providing meaningful paid opportunities for persons with disabilities. Employers who see the skills and talents, of persons and have welcomed persons in to their work place.

Employers will be honoured at the Legislative Building and will receive an award for their employment practices

For the first time the Champion of Diversity Awards will present three special awards.

- The first, to a small business who have promoted the hiring of persons with disabilities to their colleagues.
- The second, to a mid-size business [20 employees or greater] employs and recruits persons with disabilities routinely, maintains working relationship with employment service agencies and support services.
- The third, to a large corporate employer, with Human Resource policies practices that result in the hiring, employing and advancement of persons with disabilities.

Please forward completed nomination by **September 19, 2014.**

Complete and return the nomination forms as soon as possible. Please confirm all contact information is up to date. You may nominate more than one Champion.

Please circulate to letter and Nomination Form to your colleagues, friends and neighbours

For further information and assistance please contact me. Hope to hear from you soon.

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