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PART I: PUBLISHED RESULTS-BASED PLAN 2013-14

Ministry Overview, Vision and Mandate

The Ontario government is committed to creating a strong, diversified and globally competitive economy that will provide jobs, increase productivity and result in prosperity for all Ontarians.

The Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI) and Ministry of Economic Development Trade and Employment (MEDTE) support a strong, innovative and competitive economy which provides jobs and prosperity for all Ontarians by: supporting regional growth in key strategic sectors; implementing research and innovation policies to deliver an agenda which focuses on excellence, performance and results; strengthening Ontario, nationally and internationally as a premier location for investment, trade, research, innovation and commercialization; promoting the modernization of government; and making Ontario more accessible and inclusive.

The ministries are focused on building an Ontario economy that is forward-looking, agile, accessible and innovative.

Strategic Priorities

The Ontario government is committed to building a strong and competitive economy that creates jobs and prosperity today and in the future. Supporting businesses and research to enhance productivity and innovation paves the way to a stronger Ontario. The ministries are dedicated to this commitment by focusing on six key goals:

1. Attract, expand and retain high-value, quality investment and jobs in target markets and sectors

- Lead economic development through attracting and supporting strategic investment opportunities.
- Enhance and/or disseminate economic sector expertise through implementation of seven sector strategies, development of strategic market intelligence and participation at key conferences/events; and work collaboratively across Ministries to help support sector growth and competitiveness.
- Drive client outreach and stakeholder management through strategic forums/sector roundtables, finalizing/executing priorities with key stakeholders.
- Develop and implement Ontario's Global Economic Strategy by promoting Ontario's global economic brand; representing Ontario's global interests; opening doors for exporters to market opportunities; developing investment opportunities; and facilitating global innovation linkages.
- Stimulate foreign investment and attract foreign talent to encourage innovation and business growth in Ontario.

- Oversee Ontario's efforts to promote innovation and facilitate a robust venture capital industry.

2. Support Ontario businesses to export or expand into new export markets

- Expand Ontario's exports by increasing the number of new exporters and encouraging export market diversification.
- Assist in advancing export transactions and projects through in-market advocacy.
- Identify new market opportunities for Ontario exporters.
- Lead trade missions with Ontario businesses to access new export opportunities.
- Increase international awareness of Ontario's quality goods and services.
- Build a global mind-set at the local and regional level through Community Export Development initiatives.

3. Provide economic and innovation related policy and research support to the Ontario government

- Lead innovation-related research used to track and measure Ontario's productivity, competitiveness, and job creation capacity.
- Provide advice on strategic policy options to strengthen Ontario's innovation ecosystem and investments in research and commercialization.
- Proactively undertake economic research and analysis and develop policies to further Ontario's economic development and trade interests.
- Develop, lead and implement key innovation-related government strategies within and across Ministries, track international trends, and promote innovation best practices across the Ministry and government.
- Lead the development and coordination of the Ministry's policy agenda.
- Lead and coordinate Ontario's engagement in innovation-related Federal-Provincial-Territorial policy deliberations.
- Represent and advance Ontario's trade interests in international and inter-provincial trade negotiations and disputes.

4. Lead the government's Open for Business, Social Enterprise and Accessibility initiatives

- Create a streamlined and focused regulatory environment that delivers results for business, while protecting the public interest.
- Deliver better products and services, including service standards that support the needs of business.
- Create an open and responsive working relationship between business and government.

- Solutions Lab Partnership: Open for Business continues to work with MaRS to build up the Solutions Lab's core team, to build capacity in the OPS on the use of design thinking and methodologies to tackle social and economic challenges from a systems perspective and to identify issues to move into the Solutions Lab.
- Support the Government's consideration of the Jobs and Prosperity Council's report, *Advantage Ontario*.
- Work with partner ministries, agencies and stakeholders to promote social entrepreneurship in Ontario.
- Implement the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) by developing, reviewing and enforcing streamlined accessibility standards in key areas of daily living so that people with disabilities can participate in their community and in the economy.
- Support business and other organizations with meeting accessibility requirements by providing public education and guidance, tools and resources for accessibility planning and programming.
- Forge strategic partnerships with the disability, private and public sectors in the interest of promoting accessibility for all.
- Develop and implement a province-wide strategy to promote employment for people with disabilities and support businesses to improve the accessibility of their employment practices.
- The Ministries are incorporating accessibility considerations and criteria into its day-to-day business by:
 - Publishing its websites, electronic publications and video materials according to the highest GOITS and AODA standards.
 - Ensuring that Ontario's leadership in accessibility is delivered through the Ministry's international staff.
 - Ensuring that all Regulatory Impact Assessment Training is held in facilities that meet accessibility requirements and published Sector Strategy report are in an accessible format.
 - Requiring all Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBECS) to meet accessibility requirements for clients seeking their services and further promoting accessibility and educating employers on requirements.
 - Supporting innovative developments in assistive devices, such as the vision goggle system produced by eSight.

5. Support leading-edge research and innovation in Ontario and promote Ontario's excellence in this area to the world

- Through the Ministry's suite of research programs, fund leading-edge research in Ontario to develop talent, build infrastructure and cultivate and support new ideas.

- Foster continued research and innovation in the physical sciences and imaging through support of dedicated research institutes.
- Support internationally recognized institutes that harness Ontario's strength in health research and focus on commercialization and improved patient and health outcomes.
- Oversee Ontario's efforts to promote innovation and facilitate a robust venture capital industry.

6. Provide supports to Ontario entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including focused supports for innovative and high growth firms

- Assist entrepreneurs and youth in the process of start-up and early-stage business development through partnerships with municipalities, private sector and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.
- Support enhancement of productivity and increased sustainability among Ontario's high growth firms in order to encourage their competitiveness on a global scale.
- Support stimulation of a constructive business environment, including infrastructure that encourages the development of high growth firms and e-Business supports to assist companies in the global economy.
- Provide information, advice and services to Ontario's high growth firms, communities, business networks and other regional development stakeholders.
- Support the growth of small and medium enterprises in key clusters with strategic initiatives.
- Create a culture of entrepreneurship by promoting entrepreneurial skills, qualities and opportunities for Ontario's youth including programming for aboriginal, francophone, rural and under-served youth.
- Support the integration of local service networks that deliver important programs and services to entrepreneurs and small and medium –sized enterprises, including Small Business Enterprise Centres, Regional Innovation Centres and Business Advisory Services offices.

Ministry Activities – Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment

The following are the major programs and services delivered by the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment:

GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS AND INVESTMENT ATTRACTION

The Ministry works with companies in key sectors to attract and encourage strategic investments in the province. This includes proactively targeting investment opportunities, ensuring early engagement, building strong relationships, tailoring value propositions and promoting the many strengths of doing business in Ontario.

The Strategic Jobs and Investment Fund is a grant and loan program that attracts investment in leading-edge projects that will build strategic capacity and cluster development as well as create new high-value-added jobs. The Fund provides flexible strategic investment support for business so that Ontario can successfully compete against other jurisdictions to attract investments in leading edge priority sectors including clean/green technologies; financial services; information and communication technology; and life sciences sectors of Ontario's economy.

Through the International Trade Strategy, the Ministry provides leadership in strengthening and broadening Ontario's profile as a compelling jurisdiction for foreign investment and trade; assisting Ontario small and medium-sized enterprises and leading edge innovators to achieve business growth through international market expansion; attracting foreign companies to invest in the province with the goal of creating jobs in key strategic sectors; and forging mutually beneficial research, commercialization and business partnerships.

In 2013-14, the Ministry will launch the new Investment Ready: Certified Site Program, that will reimburse eligible applicants who certify potential investment sites across Ontario as pre-qualified and development ready in order to make them more attractive to foreign direct investment and expansion projects. A pre-qualified site will have information on servicing, transportation and access, and due diligence approvals readily available. This will help reduce the unknowns associated with the cost and time to market; ultimately fostering faster site selection and investment decisions.

The Ontario Global Talent Business Advantage Program issues work permit support letters through its authority under the Canada-Ontario Temporary Foreign Worker Agreement to support the high-skilled/specialized talent needs of new investments and expansions in the Province.

Two of the Ministry's programs, while no longer open to applications, were part of the government's economic development strategy to stimulate economic growth and create a sustainable and globally competitive workplace for Ontarians:

The Next Generation of Jobs Fund supported research, development and commercialization in innovative industries and attracted new investments in strategic areas of Ontario's economy which included clean automotive and other green technology; health and biotechnology research and development; creative industries (e.g., digital media); and pharmaceutical research and manufacturing. Although the Fund stopped accepting applications in December of 2009, existing program contracts continue to be actively managed and monitored.

Through the Advanced Manufacturing Investment Strategy, repayable loans with an interest incentive were provided to encourage companies to transform processes and adopt leading edge technologies to increase productivity and competitiveness. Although the program was closed to new applications in February of 2010, existing program contracts continue to be actively managed and monitored.

As well, the Ministry uses a highly targeted multifaceted marketing program including advertising; media relations, direct and interactive marketing and social media to increase the awareness of Ontario's economic business advantages.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry leads economic development in Ontario through strategic investment in key regions of the province and managing relationships with stakeholders. Key programs include:

Eastern Ontario Development Fund - continues to support projects that create and retain jobs, encourage the introduction of new technologies, assist private sector firms, communities and sector groups to pursue growth in new markets, improve their competitive position, and ultimately, contribute to the diversification of the economy of Eastern Ontario. This includes the 14 geographic areas east of Northumberland, Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton, as well as Ottawa. The Fund provides grants and loans to businesses and not-for-profit organizations to support projects that will attract investment and support job creation in the region.

Southwestern Ontario Development Fund - supports projects in the 17 geographic areas of Southwestern Ontario that create and retain jobs, encourage the introduction of new technologies, assist private sector firms, communities and sector groups to pursue growth in new markets and improve their competitive position of the region. The Fund supports the attraction and retention of employment, investment, and promotes innovation, and cluster development and collaborations in the region.

Communities in Transition - supports communities and industry sectors facing economic development challenges, significant job losses and industry-wide restructuring by assisting recipients to set strategies, build capacity and implement new economic development initiatives.

The Ministry also provides support for Ontario's existing and aspiring high growth firms through "hands on" business development expertise and services:

Through its twenty-six senior business advisors in twelve offices across Southern Ontario, Business Advisory Services works directly with existing and aspiring high growth firms producing tradable goods or services. Through in depth consultations and potential application of a range of public and private sector resources, business advisors help companies grow their domestic and export sales, enhance their competitiveness and productivity, source capital for expansion and develop plans for continued advancement.

In addition, through a variety of Business Development programs, including Energy Connections, Wisdom Exchange, Leading Growth Firm Reports and Probe for Sustainability and Manufacturing, the Ministry helps to link growing small and medium enterprises to information on accessing new markets, tools to enhance productivity and resources for executive development.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Ministry provides opportunities for Ontario's youth, ages 15 to 29, to explore entrepreneurship as a viable career option-and develop business skills through a range of programs, services, partnerships and grants. Key programs include:

Future Entrepreneurs is a curriculum support toolkit introducing Grade 7 to 10 students to entrepreneurship through role models, case studies and activities.

The Business Plan Wizard is an e-learning application that teaches Grade 7 to 12 students how to develop a business plan in a fun and interactive way.

Young Entrepreneurs, Make Your Pitch is a pilot program for high school students to make a two minute video to pitch their winning business idea.

Through Summer Company students, 15 to 29 years of age, are provided hands on business training, mentoring and up to \$3,000 in awards to start up and run their own summer business.

Ontario Global Edge allows postsecondary students aged 19 to 29 to gain international work experience.

The Youth Entrepreneurship Partnerships Program provides funding to non-profit organizations to deliver projects and activities for Ontario youth aged 12 to 29 to expand the reach of ministry entrepreneurial programs.

In addition, as part of the \$295M Youth Jobs Strategy announced in the 2013 Ontario Budget, the Ministry will also be providing three new programs starting in 2013-14:

The Ontario Youth Entrepreneurship Fund will provide outreach to entrepreneurship-focused organizations, seed capital, and mentorships to help young entrepreneurs with their start-up companies.

The Ontario Youth Innovation Fund will provide Ontario undergraduate students, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows with experiential opportunities, through internship programs, industrial R&D management programs; and start-up support offered through campus-linked accelerators.

The Business Labour Connectivity and Training Fund will work with industry and academia to identify gaps in the labour market.

ACCESSIBILITY

Through the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, the Ministry is at the forefront of the government's plan to make Ontario accessible for people with disabilities by 2025. Key programs include:

Supporting the government's appointment of members to the new Accessibility Standards Advisory Council/Standards Development Committee (ASAC/SDC). Once appointed, the Directorate will support the ASAC/SDC with advising government on accessibility initiatives including the mandatory review of the Customer Service Standard and the development of new accessibility standards. The Directorate will also support the Minister's tabling of the AODA Annual Report in the Legislature and the appointment of the next independent reviewer of the Act in 2013.

Through Public Education and Outreach the Directorate will continue to raise awareness about Ontario's accessibility standards by participating in a variety of conferences and speaking engagements around the province; providing resources on the ministry's website; utilizing the ministry's YouTube, Twitter and Facebook channels; and administering the EnAbling Change Program, which funds umbrella organizations to educate an industry/sector on their obligations under the AODA.

The Directorate uses a modern approach to Oversee AODA Compliance with accessibility standards by providing a range of compliance and enforcement tools, from public education to file reviews and inspections. In 2013, the Directorate will continue monitoring compliance with accessibility requirements that are in effect and provide assistance to organizations that are found to be non-compliant.

The Directorate will work across the Ministry and with partner ministries to develop a strategy to promote employment for people with disabilities and support businesses to improve the accessibility of their employment practices.

Ministry Activities – Ministry of Research and Innovation

The following are the major programs and services delivered by the Ministry of Research and Innovation:

INNOVATION

The Ministry promotes innovation in Ontario through many initiatives that help entrepreneurs and companies with high-growth potential transform leading ideas and discoveries into tomorrow's technologies, products and services. Some key programs include:

Commercialization and Innovation Network Support is a suite of commercialization support services provided via MaRS, the Ontario Centres of Excellence, the Regional Innovation Centres and others. The programming provided is a vital component in the delivery of Ontario's Innovation agenda and ensures that Ontario innovations have every opportunity to generate new business, companies and jobs within the province. The Network also provides educational and funding programs which focus on strengthening entrepreneurial talent, creating globally competitive businesses and support innovators throughout their process.

The Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy (CRIBE) is a provincial initiative to transform the forest products industry in Northern Ontario. The Centre is an independent, not-for-profit research corporation that partners closely with other relevant organizations to provide support to turn research and innovative business opportunities into operational realities. CRIBE is focusing on initiatives in the following strategic areas:

- The establishment of a pilot lignin evaluation plant in the Thunder Bay area to extract lignin (a waste product from pulp and paper making) and have it tested, characterized and evaluated.
- The establishment of a pilot bio-refinery in Northern Ontario to function as a “test bed” for the development of range of products including transportation fuels, fibres/fillers/composites and chemicals.
- The development of innovative products and processes by inventors/entrepreneurs.

Ontario’s Life Sciences Commercialization Strategy is Ontario’s plan to be the best place in the world to take innovative life sciences discoveries and turn them into new products and services that meet health needs by capitalizing on our world-class talent, research capacity and collaborative spirit. This strategy provides supports to attract and nurture scientific excellence, facilitate greater collaboration and streamline infrastructure for clinical trials and investigational testing.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Ministry leads entrepreneurship and small business development by providing information, expertise and support to entrepreneurs and early stage businesses. Key programs include:

Ontario’s network of 57 Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBECS) operate in partnership with municipalities and Regional Innovation Centres to provide entrepreneurs with the tools they need to start and grow their businesses. They offer free consultations with a qualified business consultant, business skills development through seminars and workshops, internet and computer access for business research and planning, and review of business plans. The service is managed locally, coordinated provincially and supported by public and private sector partners.

The Ministry also supports inter-ministerial initiatives to improve access to affordable high-speed broadband for all Ontarians and promotes the adoption of E-Business by small and medium enterprises through training and resource materials to increase their competitiveness and success in the digital economy.

HIGH GROWTH SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

The Ministry provides support for Ontario’s existing and aspiring high growth firms through “hands on” business development expertise and services.

Business Advisory Services – Through its twenty-six senior business advisors in twelve offices across Southern Ontario, the Branch works directly with existing and aspiring high

growth firms producing tradable goods or services. Through in depth consultations and potential application of a range of public and private sector resources, business advisors help companies grow their domestic and export sales, enhance their competitiveness and productivity, source capital for expansion and develop plans for continued advancement.

Business Development - Energy Connections, Wisdom Exchange, Leading Growth Firm Reports and Probe for Sustainability and Manufacturing provide help linking growing small and medium enterprises to information on accessing new markets, tools to enhance productivity and sustainability and resources for executive development.

RESEARCH

The Ministry supports and promotes research in Ontario by leading key strategies and programs that ensure Ontario is globally competitive in the creation and adoption of new ideas and technology. Key programs include:

The Ontario Research Fund – Research Excellence provides researchers with the support to undertake cutting-edge research and promotes research excellence in Ontario by supporting transformative, internationally significant research of strategic value to the province. The Fund focuses on scientific excellence and strong commercialization potential and targets new, leading-edge, transformational research initiatives while fostering and celebrating innovation through its outreach activities.

The Ontario Research Fund – Research Infrastructure -supports the modernization, development and acquisition of new research infrastructure. The Fund ensures researchers have the funds to invest in state-of-the art equipment and facilities which enable research institutions to attract the best talent and create essential capacity to conduct world-leading research. Promising new areas of research and technology development are supported through the Small and Large Infrastructure Funds and the College Industry Innovation Fund.

Through the Early Researcher Awards, the Ministry helps promising, recently-appointed Ontario researchers build their research teams of undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research assistants, associates, and technicians. The program encourages applications from a diverse range of disciplines including math, physics, life sciences, social sciences and arts and humanities. It helps Ontario research institutions attract and retain leading edge researchers.

The Ontario Brain Institute provides strategic direction for brain research in Ontario and is helping raise Ontario's international profile and role in neuroscience scholarship and the global marketplace. The Ontario Brain Institute plays a catalytic role by bringing together multi-disciplinary, patient-centered research teams and ensuring standardization of clinical data to accelerate discovery, improve patient care and foster healthcare efficiencies. They have made significant progress in harnessing the province's leading edge brain research expertise in a collaborative infrastructure to translate discoveries made in the lab into products in the marketplace and services in Ontario hospitals.

The Ontario Institute for Cancer Research is an independent, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to research on the prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Discoveries at the Institute have the potential to significantly transform Ontario's health care delivery. OICR is the first collaborative institute in Canada to focus on the entire spectrum of cancer issues; it is translating research results into prevention, better patient care, and the commercialization of new technologies and therapies. The Institute has helped build an exceptional community of innovation and research excellence in Ontario and nationally.

Highlights of Achievements

The Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment and Ministry of Research and Innovation are committed to creating a strong, vibrant and innovative economy. The following highlights the achievements of the Ministry for the 2012-13 fiscal year (for more detailed results, please refer to the Annual Report on page 20):

1. Attract, expand and retain high-value, quality investment and jobs in target markets and sectors.

- The Strategic Jobs and Investment Fund announced support of \$40 million (\$29 million in grants and \$11 million in loans) to support total industry investment of over \$500 million and more than 800 highly skilled jobs.
- Provided \$10.5 million to support the growth of Ontario's wine and craft beer industries, including \$6 million to 74 Ontario wineries under the Vintners Quality Alliance (VQA) Wine Support Program. These grants are used for growth strategies including marketing, capital equipment purchases and product development.
- The Eastern Ontario Development Fund announced support to some 21 projects with a total investment of \$7.2 million. Since the Fund was established in 2008, the government has invested \$60 million in more than 130 projects leveraging a total investment of approximately \$590 million. These investments have created almost 2,700 new jobs.
- Following the launch of the fund starting in October 2012, the government announced one project in 2012-13 with an investment of over \$10 million. In 2012-13, the government invested over \$14 million to 17 projects leveraging a total of over \$120 million and creating over 600 new jobs.
- The Ministry continued to collaborate with Ontario communities and industry sectors to respond to local, sector or regional economic challenges by creating new opportunities and attracting new investment. During 2012-13, the government announced one Communities in Transition (CiT) Program with a total support of \$125,000. Since 2006-07, the government has supported over 60 projects across the province with a total contribution of \$17.5 million.
- Developed, consulted on and published the Water Sector Strategy, one of the first sector strategies to be published by the ministry. The sector strategy, which reflected the activities and strategic plans of key Ontario ministries as well as stakeholder

organizations, received very positive industry feedback at the Water Innovation in Action conference in Toronto.

2. Support Ontario businesses to export or expand into new export markets.

- Companies participating in international trade programs reported identifying over \$1.5 billion in new business opportunities.
- The Ministry provided 892 assists to experienced exporters expanding their markets and 975 assists to companies new to exporting or accessing new export markets.
- Organized and delivered over 210 export development programs, including 69 outbound missions, 56 domestic seminars, 78 incoming buyer programs and 8 NEBS/Reverse NEBS programs, all targeting SMEs in priority sectors.
- Organized and delivered the program for the Premier's mission to China in January 2013. 45 delegates representing 35 companies and organizations participated in the mission focussed on clean technology (water and waste water management, green build), and the agri-food sector. The mission led to the signing of about \$800 million in agreements and partnerships.
- Organized the Minister's participation at the Farnborough International Airshow in July 2012. Key activities included managing the Minister's meetings with senior officials from global aerospace companies to build new relationships, strengthen existing partnerships, and to promote Ontario's innovative aerospace sector to a global audience as well as hosting Ontario's signature dinner with over 100 industry and government representatives to celebrate Ontario's participation in this year's event.
- Protected and promoted Ontario's interests during four intensive negotiating sessions of the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) negotiations.
- Conducted wide ranging research and analysis, and worked alongside federal officials to ensure Ontario's commercial and regulatory interests were represented in other bilateral trade negotiations, including the Canada-India Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations.
- Contributed strategic advice and research to the defence of trade disputes involving Ontario measures, including one at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and several under the investment provisions of the NAFTA.
- Provided trade policy advice and risk assessments on the implications of trade and investment agreements, including a review of the new Canada-China foreign investment protection agreement.

3. Provide economic and innovation related policy and research support to the Ontario government.

- Provided research and operational support on high profile projects such as support for the Jobs and Prosperity Secretariat, 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games, economic impact requests and sponsored Conference Board of Canada's Centre for Global Commerce.

- Supported the posting of 139 regulatory proposals to the Regulatory Registry to promote regulatory transparency, and monitored and reported on activities under the regulatory cooperation chapter of the Ontario-Quebec Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
- Launched/published the First Nations Economic Development Readiness Questionnaire, an assessment tool used to prepare First Nations to engage in economic development activities.

4. Lead the government's Open for Business, Social Enterprise and Accessibility Initiatives.

- Open for Business implemented an evidence-based regulatory impact analysis (RIA) process to provide a new evidence-based tool to support decision-making on new regulations.
- As part of the Business Sector Strategy initiative, Open for Business worked with the non-profit sector, the small business sector and the financial services sector. Results obtained from this 60-day, one-window access to government processes include:
 - Saving money for non-profits by helping them to participate in the government of Ontario's Vendor of Record arrangements.
 - Reducing by 60% the amount of mandatory data required on No Lost Time claims to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) and further increasing flexibility and times savings to business by developing a new e-Form and tele-claim service.
 - Establishing the Ontario forum for financial services that will bring together representatives from the Ministry of Finance and from Ontario's financial services industry.
- Open for Business worked closely with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to help plan and launch the Open Ontario pilot in London, Ontario. The pilot aims to expand on Ontario's Modern Compliance Framework, encourage greater coordination and collaboration between regulators and support more effective risk-based compliance activities with the goal of reducing burden and unnecessary inspections for compliant businesses. The pilot project is scheduled to run from March to August 2013.
- The Jobs and Prosperity Council released its report in December 2012 that is a call to action for government, business, the education sector, labour and others. The Government is considering the recommendations and has taken immediate action on some, including the introduction of commercialization vouchers, working with the federal government on venture capital, and global exporter forums.
- The Office for Social Enterprise was created to foster an environment where social entrepreneurs can thrive and contribute to economic growth and meaningful jobs while addressing pressing social and environmental challenges.
- On February 19, 2013, government announced the transfer of the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario to the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment

and called upon the private sector to increase the number of people with disabilities in the Ontario workforce.

- On January 21, 2013, the government announced that the new Accessibility Standards Advisory Council/Standards Development Committee has been created. This new structure will allow government to streamline and strengthen the way standards are reviewed and developed.
- The Accessibility Directorate of Ontario established 24 new partnerships in 2012 through the EnAbling Change Program to promote accessibility across the province.
- The Accessibility Directorate of Ontario took part in over 200 days of province wide outreach during 2012, including participating in a variety of conferences, speaking engagements and other activities to promote accessibility standards among obligated sectors and foster increased awareness of the requirements for and benefits of increased accessibility.

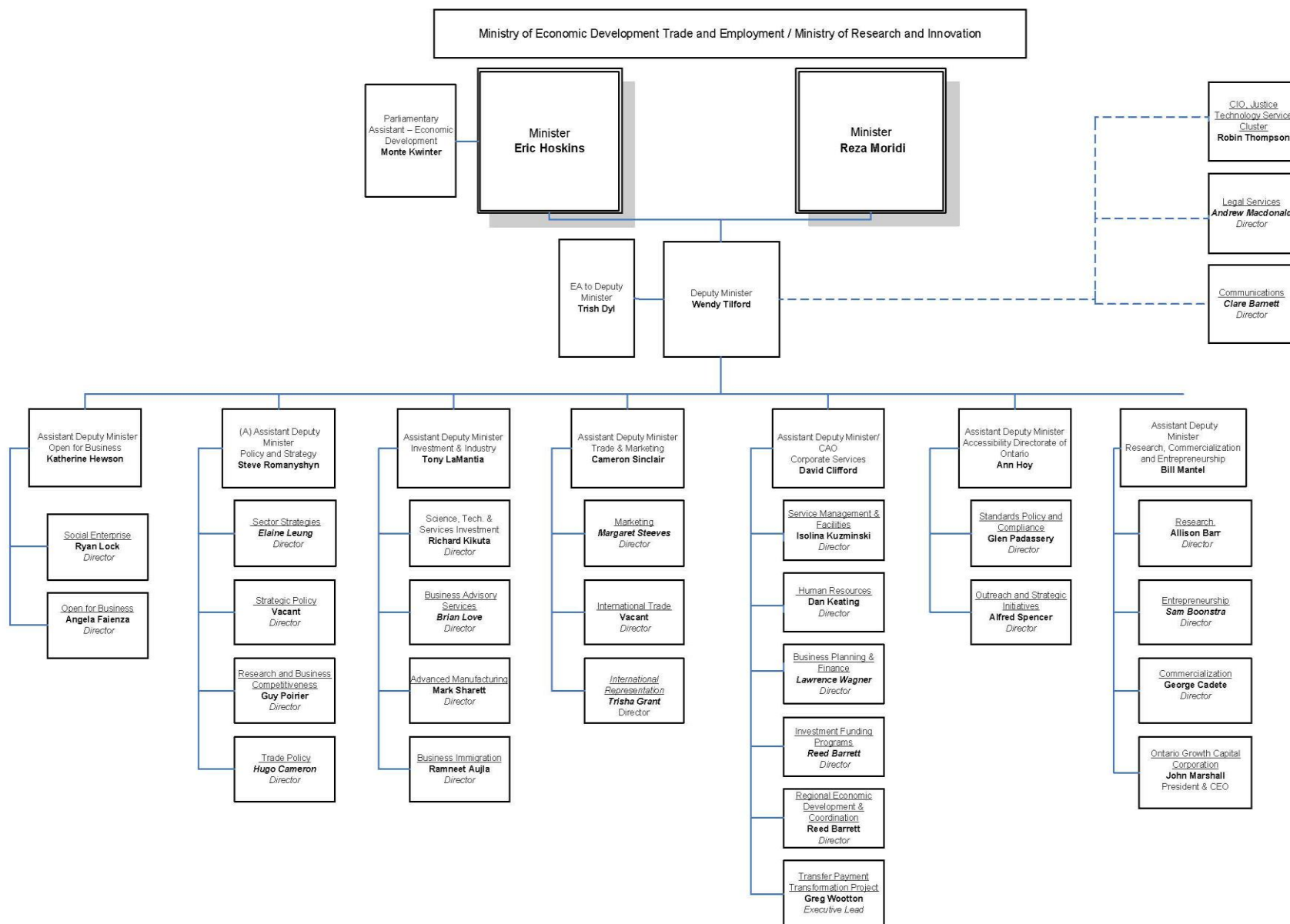
5. Support leading-edge research and innovation in Ontario and promote Ontario's excellence in this area to the world.

- Through the Ontario Research Fund – Research Infrastructure Fund, the Ministry committed:
 - \$2.8 million to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health for working towards better diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses;
 - \$3.4 million to the University of Toronto for advancing production of energy-efficient, low-cost solar cells; and,
 - \$2.4 million to the Sunnybrook Research Institute for identifying new drug candidates for treating cancer.
- Ontario announced renewal funding for \$100 million over five years beginning in 2013/14 for the Ontario Brain Institute (OBI). The funding will allow OBI to expand current critical research in the areas of epilepsy, cerebral palsy and autism to include depression and neurodegeneration, fund pilot projects for brain injury and addiction and expand Brain-CODE – a centralized patient information system.

6. Provide supports to Ontario entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises, including focused supports for innovative and high growth firms.

- The Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs helped our province's technology-based entrepreneurs and companies to accelerate commercialization by:
 - Leveraging more than \$219 million, including over \$96 million in private sector cash.
 - Creating/retaining more than 34,000 jobs.
 - Creating more than 1,300 new firms.
 - Obtaining 220 approved patents on new ideas and technologies.
 - Developing more than 1,170 prototypes.
 - Launching over 1,400 new products and services to the marketplace.

- Ontario's network of Small Business Enterprise Centres helped 7,000 new business start-ups and 1,480 business expansions resulting over 9,000 new jobs.
- Five sector associations have been supported to develop e-business resources to support small and medium sized businesses in their respective industries.
- Small Business Enterprise Centres hosted 142 e-Business seminars and events that introduce entrepreneurs and small business owners to the various facets of e-Business.
- Senior Business Advisors in regional field offices conducted over 2,200 consultations with high growth firms or aspiring high growth firms resulting in over 2,900 new / retained jobs, over \$339 million in total new investment projects and over \$190 million in international and inter-provincial export sales.
- Supported 483 students to start and manage their own businesses through the Summer Company program in 2012.
- Administered the Ontario Global Edge Program with 53 overseas placements for entrepreneurial students through 10 post-secondary institutions.
- Committed approximately \$990,000 to 23 projects through the Youth Entrepreneurship Partnerships program.



Legislation

Legislation administered by the Ministry of Research and Innovation and Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment:

Development Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.10

Ministry of Economic Development and Trade Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M

Ontario Capital Growth Corporation Act, 2008, S.O. 2008, c.19, Schedule O

Research Foundation Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.R.27

Research Foundation Repeal Act, 2012, S.O. 2012, c. 8, Schedule 53

Community Small Business Investment Funds Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.18 in respect of Part III.2 and in the application of the provisions of Part I, Part IV and the regulations to or in respect of an investment corporation registered or previously registered under Part III.2,

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, S.O. 2005, c.11

Attracting Investment and Creating Jobs Act, 2012, S.O. 2012, c.10

Water Opportunities Act, 2010, S.O. 2010, c.19, Schedule 1, in respect of Part II

Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs)

Advisory Agencies

Accessibility Standards Advisory Council/Standards Development Committee (ASAC/SDC)

On January 21, 2013, government announced the creation of the new ASAC/SDC. The ASAC/SDC will advise government on improving accessibility for people with disabilities and will have responsibility for reviewing existing accessibility standards and for developing new standards, if so directed.

Ontario Investment and Trade Advisory Council

The Council was established to provide strategic advice and support to the government on promoting Ontario to the world as a preferred location for investment, and helping Ontario firms to begin exporting to new markets or to expand their exports to existing markets

Ontario Research Fund Advisory Board (ORFAB)

The ORFAB reviews and assesses Ontario Research Fund and Early Researcher Award funding proposals, and makes recommendations to the Minister. The Board also provides strategic advice to the Minister on the research agenda to keep Ontario competitive and prosperous.

Small Business Agency of Ontario (SBAO)

The SBAO was established to help improve interactions between government and small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and to serve as a sounding board and provide high level and strategic advice to the government on key issues affecting the growth and competitiveness of SMEs in Ontario

Ontario Manufacturing Council (OMC)

The OMC was established to advise the government on the challenges and opportunities that Ontario manufacturers face as they compete in a globally competitive marketplace.

Operational Enterprise Agencies

Ontario Capital Growth Corporation (OCGC)

The Ontario Capital Growth Corporation (OCGC) was established to:

- Receive, hold, administer and otherwise deal with the interest of the Government of Ontario in the limited partnership known as the Ontario Venture Capital Fund LP;
- Acquire, manage and otherwise deal with a portfolio of investments in businesses that the Corporation considers constitute emerging technology businesses, which portfolio is known in English as the Ontario Emerging Technologies Fund; and
- Perform any additional objects specified by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Ontario Immigrant Investor Corporation (OIIC)

The OIIC was established to act as a receiving vehicle for immigrant investor funds, as required by the federal government under the federal Immigrant Investor Program and invest these funds to support economic development and job creation in Ontario.

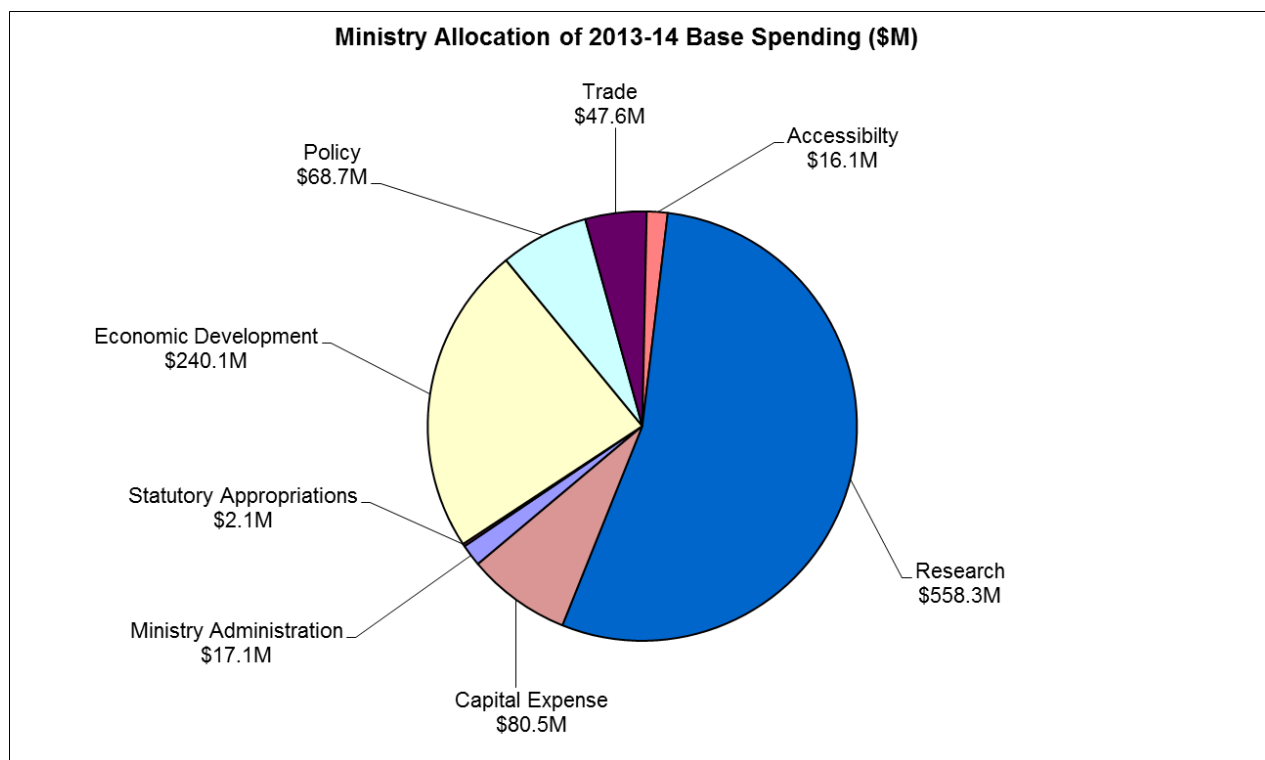
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MINISTRY FINANCIAL INFORMATION


Table 1: Ministry Planned Expenditures 2013-14 (\$M)

Operating Expense*	949,933,828
Capital Expense*	80,501,000
Total Expense	1,030,434,828
Operating Assets	50,504,000
Capital Assets	0.001

* Excludes the following Consolidation Adjustments:

- Consolidation Adjustment - Colleges
- Consolidation Adjustment - Hospitals
- Consolidation Adjustment - Ontario Capital Growth Corporation
- Consolidation Adjustment - Ontario Immigrant Investor Corporation

Table 2: Operating and Capital Summary by Vote

The Ministries support a strong, innovative and competitive economy which provides jobs and prosperity for all Ontarians by: supporting regional growth in key strategic sectors; implementing research and innovation policies to deliver an agenda which focuses on excellence, performance and results; strengthening Ontario, nationally and internationally as a premier location for investment, trade, research, innovation and commercialization; promoting the modernization of government; and making Ontario more accessible and inclusive.

Votes/Programs	Estimates 2013-14 \$	Change from 2012-13 Estimates		2012-13 *		Actuals 2011-12 * \$
		\$	%	Estimates \$	Interim Actuals \$	
OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENSE						
Ministry Administration Program	17,061,100	(42,700)	(0.2%)	17,103,800	16,109,085	19,398,098
Economic Development, Trade and Employment Program	372,476,500	27,487,400	8.0%	344,989,100	268,003,286	364,860,418
Research and Innovation Program	638,822,200	(69,406,900)	(9.8%)	708,229,100	803,113,457	668,323,331
	1,028,359,800	(41,962,200)	(3.9%)	1,070,322,000	1,087,225,828	1,052,581,847
Total Including Special Warrants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Special Warrants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating and Capital Expense To Be Voted	1,028,359,800	(41,962,200)	(3.9%)	1,070,322,000	1,087,225,828	1,052,581,847
Special Warrants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Statutory Appropriations	2,076,028	(522,159)	(20.1%)	2,598,187	818,577	1,745,781
Ministry Total Operating and Capital Expense	1,030,435,828	(42,484,359)	(24.0%)	1,072,920,187	1,088,044,405	1,054,327,628
Consolidation Adjustment - Colleges	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	100.0%	-	-	-
Consolidation Adjustment - Hospitals	(40,530,000)	33,114,300	(45.0%)	(73,644,300)	(86,070,000)	(80,046,002)
Consolidation Adjustment - Ontario Capital Growth Corporation	(40,387,400)	6,339,600	13.6%	(46,727,000)	(45,977,000)	(18,016,000)
Consolidation Adjustment - Ontario Immigrant Investor Corporation	12,997,300	(3,919,600)	(23.2%)	16,916,900	16,916,900	16,246,000
Total Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments	961,015,728	(8,450,059)	(0.9%)	969,465,787	972,914,305	972,511,626
OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSETS						
Economic Development, Trade and Employment Program	50,505,000	(18,002,000)	(26.3%)	68,507,000	21,353,122	85,584,764
Total Operating and Capital Assets To Be Voted	50,505,000	(18,002,000)	(26.3%)	68,507,000	21,353,122	85,584,764
Total Assets	50,505,000	(18,002,000)	(26.3%)	68,507,000	21,353,122	85,584,764

* Estimates and actuals for the previous fiscal years are restated to reflect any changes in ministries organization and/or program structure.
Interim actuals reflect the numbers presented in the 2013 Ontario Budget.

APPENDIX

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13

The Ministry of Research and Innovation and Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment provided leadership in fostering a competitive business climate to attract jobs and investment to Ontario. The ministries supported the government's Economic Plan Priority 'A Strong Economy for a Strong Ontario.'

1. Attract, expand and retain high-value, quality investment and jobs in target markets and sectors.

In 2012-13 the ministries contributed to economic growth by attracting the following investments:

Strategic Jobs and Investment Fund

Five Strategic Jobs and Investment Fund (SJIF) projects were announced in 2012-13 providing Ontario support of \$40 million (\$29 million in grants and \$11 million in loans) to support total industry investment of over \$500 million and more than 800 highly skilled jobs.

SJIF Announced Projects 2012-13

Company	Location	Loan Funding (\$M)	Grant Funding (\$M)	Total Eligible Project Investment (\$M)	Total Investment Commitment (\$M)	Jobs Created/ Retained
2012/13 Announced Projects						
IBM Canada Ltd.	Barrie, Markham, Ottawa	\$0.00	\$8.00	\$71.50	\$210.00	145
Rockstar Games (Take2)	Oakville	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$57.65	\$60.51	122
Cytec Canada Inc.	Niagara Falls	\$8.00	\$2.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	135
Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc.	Cambridge	\$0.00	\$16.88	\$120.54	\$120.54	400
Sumitomo Precision Products	Mississauga	\$3.25	\$0.00	\$10.01	\$10.01	50
Total Announced Projects		\$11.25	\$28.88	\$384.70	\$526.06	852

Eastern Ontario Development Fund

During 2012-13, the Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF) supported some 21 projects with a total investment of \$7.2 million. Since the Fund was established in 2008, the government has invested \$60 million in 130 projects leveraging a total investment of approximately \$590 million. These investments have created almost 2,700 new jobs.

EODF Announced Projects 2012-13

Company	Location	Ontario Investment	Investment Levered	Jobs Created	Jobs Retained
Goodyear Canada,	Napanee	\$994,119	\$9,941,194	10	789
3M Canada Company	Brockville	\$540,818	\$5,408,180	12.5	90
G.T. Machining & Fabricating Ltd.	Napanee	\$304,800	\$3,048,000	25	138
Hastings County	Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox and Addington Counties	\$122,681	\$509,625	N/A	N/A
GH Gunther Huettlin Manufacturing	Belleville	\$204,200	\$2,042,000	10	36
EPC Industries Limited	Belleville	\$256,818	\$2,568,180	16	39
Drain Bros Excavating Limited	Havelock	\$772,600	\$7,726,000	10	164
Les Produits Dalmen Products Ltd.	St Isidore	\$265,623	\$2,656,229	10	35
Procter & Gamble Inc.	Belleville	\$900,000	\$34,940,000	40	652
Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development	Peterborough	\$74,456	\$297,825	N/A	N/A
Direct Coil Inc.	Millhaven	\$482,611	\$4,826,113	20	15
Knorr Brake Ltd.	Kingston	\$226,703	\$2,267,034	18	74
Metec Metal Technology	Vankleek Hill	\$109,700	\$1,097,000	8	13
Beau's All Natural Brewing Company Ltd.	Vankleek Hill	\$284,500	\$2,845,000	15	40
Protoplast Inc.	Cobourg	\$84,797	\$847,970	20	80
Deca Cables Inc.	Trenton	\$264,816	\$2,648,160	10	95
Blommer Chocolate Company of Canada Inc.	Campbellford	\$333,949	\$3,339,493	14	80
DART Aerospace Ltd.	Hawkesbury	\$210,494	\$2,104,936	10	80
Holder Tractors Inc.	Embrun	\$114,100	\$1,141,000	12	0
Ross Video	Iroquois	\$513,600	\$5,136,000	25	160
Sensient Colors Canada Ltd.	Kingston	\$150,000	\$1,500,000	10	28
Announced 2012-2013		\$7,211,385	\$96,889,939	295.50	2,608.00
Total Approved Projects (to date)		\$60,659,980	\$590,478,048	2,701.50	11,425.50

Southwestern Ontario Development Fund

Following the launch of the fund starting in October 2012, the government announced one project in 2012-13 with an investment of over \$10 million. In 2012-13, the government has invested over \$14 million to 17 projects leveraging a total of over \$120 million and creating over 600 new jobs.

SWODF Announced Projects 2012-13

Company	Location	Ontario Investment	Investment Levered	Jobs Created	Jobs Retained
Lambton Conveyor Ltd,	Wallaceburg	\$1,500,000	\$10,155,000	110	110
Announced 2012-2013		\$1,500,000	\$10,155,000	110.00	110.00
Total Approved Projects (to date)		\$14,951,132	\$120,458,482	644.00	1,679.00

Communities in Transition Program

The Ministry continued to collaborate with Ontario communities and industry sectors to respond to local, sector or regional economic challenges by creating new opportunities and attracting new investment. During 2012-13, the Communities in Transition (CiT) program announced one project with a total investment of \$125,000. Since 2006-07, the government has supported over 60 projects across the province with a total contribution of \$17.8 million.

CiT Announced Project 2012-13

Project	Investment (\$)
Elliott Lake	125,000
Announced 2012-2013	125,000
Total Approved Projects (to date)	17.8M

Automotive Strategy

(Ontario Automotive Investment Strategy, Large Scale Strategic Investments and Strategic Manufacturing Investments)

- In 2012, Ontario remained the number one automotive assembly sub-national jurisdiction in the NAFTA region, representing 16% of continental production.
- In April 2012, Ford added a third shift at its Windsor Essex engine plant which will result in 100 additional jobs at the plant.
- In July 2012, General Motors announced they are investing approximately \$850 million (\$833.62 million) in research and development in Canada. The money, spent between 2009 and 2016, will go towards investments in producing lighter-weight materials for vehicles, as well as software and communications.
- In March 2013, General Motors announced it will invest \$250 million to install new equipment and tooling at its CAMI assembly plant in Ingersoll.
- In January 2013, Toyota announced an investment up to \$125 million, at their Cambridge facility, to increase production of Lexus cars, including a new sport utility model with a hybrid gasoline-electric engine, which it expects to begin producing in 2014. Ontario provided \$16.875M in support.
- During 2012-13, the Automotive Unit presented the Automotive Manufacturing Investment Framework (AMIF) to the Priorities and Planning (P&P) Committee of Cabinet. The AMIF is comprised of four key pillars which provide a new lens for the government to assess requests for financial support from automakers. The Auto Unit received direction from the P&P Committee to apply the AMIF to all large strategic automotive investments.

Investment Attraction

- The Ontario Immigrant Investor Corporation supported 20 Infrastructure projects, examples of which include MaRS Phase 2 building construction, a Water treatment plant in Barrie and road and bridge improvements in Ottawa and Temiskaming Shores
- CRS Electronics Inc., an Ontario-based company specializing in LED lighting technology attracted \$8.88 million foreign investment through PNP-IC to support the transformation of the company into a North American base for R&D, sales and distribution of LED products. .
- Over 100 potential and existing Ontario companies in the ICT, manufacturing and services industries were assisted with their high-skilled foreign talent needs through the Investment and Industry Division's corporate immigration advisory services.

Examples of 2012/13 Investments Attracted

Company	Location, Sector	Investment Amount (\$ M)	Number of Jobs
Oberthur Technologies	France, Financial Services	\$41M	100
Transline Resource Group	UK, ICT	\$16.2M	300
Wipro Technologies	India, Business Services	\$17M	500
Almirall	Spain, Life Sciences	\$5.4M	60
Altera	USA, ICT	\$20.5M	100
IBM Canada R+D Centre	Canada, ICT	\$210M	145
Aditya Birla Minacs	Canada, Business Services	\$2.5M	100
HGS Canada (Belleville)	Canada, Business Services	\$1M	50

2. Support Ontario businesses to export or expand into new export markets.

- Organized and delivered the program for the Premier's mission to China in January 2013. 45 delegates representing 35 companies and organizations participated in the mission focussed on clean technology (water and waste water management, green build), and the agri-food sector. The delegation visited Shanghai, Nanjing and Chengdu in Sichuan province. The mission led to the signing of about \$800 million in agreements and partnerships.
- Provided trade policy advice and risk assessments on the implications of trade and investment agreements, including a review of the new Canada-China foreign investment protection agreement.
- Protected and promoted Ontario's interests during four intensive negotiating sessions of the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) negotiations.
- Worked closely with the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs and other ministries to advocate Ontario's position to the federal government on regulatory issues potentially impacting on Canada-U.S. border trade, through a new Canada-U.S. Regulatory Cooperation Council established in 2011.

- Organized and delivered over 210 export development programs, including 69 outbound missions, 56 domestic seminars, 78 incoming buyer programs and 8 NEBS/Reverse NEBS programs, all targeting SMEs in priority sectors.
- Assisted over 1,200 companies with their export market development, including 556 companies brought directly to market on international outbound programs.
- Companies participating in international trade programs reported identifying over \$1.5 billion in new business opportunities.
- The Ministry provided 892 assists to experienced exporters expanding their markets and 975 assists to companies new to exporting or accessing new export markets.
- More than 1,200 opportunities were triaged and more than 120 opportunities were developed, qualified and transferred over to the Investment and Industry Division for further nurturing through the investment sales funnel.
- 88% client satisfaction rating for trade programs.
- Worked with an intra-ministerial working team to plan and deliver Ontario's presence at the Microsoft World Partners Conference (July 8-12, 2012). The conference attracted over 13,000 attendees from 150 countries and included IT leaders and executives, SMEs, international press and industry experts to Toronto's Metro Toronto Convention Centre.
- Organized four media tours for 39 international journalists from the U.S., U.K., France, Germany, India, China, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, and Australia.
- Through our media relations efforts, reached 254 million potential readers through 1,941 stories in international news publications and electronic media with an advertising equivalency value of \$43.5M.

3. Provide economic and innovation related policy and research support.

- Provided strategic policy research and analysis across the ministry in support of key initiatives aimed at strengthening economic development and job creation for example, the Jobs and Prosperity Council report, and the Youth Jobs Strategy.
- As the lead for policy co-ordination and development for the ministries, coordinated monthly inter-ministerial executive committee meetings and policy seminars, and Our Best Advice working group to support evidence-based decision making of economic development and innovation policy across the ministries.
- Organized key stakeholder funding and events (Ontario Economic Summit, Ontario Chamber of Commerce event with Deputy Ministers and Ontario Regional Focus Group).

- Supported the posting of 139 regulatory proposals to the Regulatory Registry to promote regulatory transparency, and monitored and reported on activities under the regulatory cooperation chapter of the Ontario-Quebec Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
- Produced over 200 fact sheets and reports to support the Ministry and supported knowledge management coordination for the Ministry's use of business and economic databases.
- Developed, consulted on and published the Water Sector Strategy, one of the first sector strategies to be published by the ministry. The sector strategy, which reflected the activities and strategic plans of key Ontario ministries as well as stakeholder organizations, received very positive industry feedback at the Water Innovation in Action conference in Toronto.
- Held a stakeholder consultation meeting with the VQA wine industry, as part of a mid-term review initiative, to review ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Ministry VQA wine support programs.

4. Lead the government's Open for Business, Social Enterprise and Accessibility initiatives.

Open for Business

Ontario's Open for Business initiative is aimed at making government faster, smarter and more streamlined for business. Some of the key results achieved include:

- In 2012-13, Open for Business agreed to build on its previous 17% reduction in regulatory requirements (2008-2011) by committing to lead a new burden reduction strategy that came out of the small business sector strategy with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.
- The new risk-based Regulator's Code of Practice which promotes a fair and consistent regulatory environment is being implemented across 20 regulatory ministries.
- Ontario implemented an evidence-based regulatory impact analysis (RIA) process to provide a new evidence-based tool to support decision-making on new regulations. More than 100 staff from across the Ontario Public Service attended one of three full-day training sessions in June and July 2012. In addition, several ministries participated in a pilot phase, between January and August 2012, to test the new tool.
- Open for Business created the first ever OPS-wide public report on external service standards' performance results for 2011-12 and launched it in December 2012.

Results from the first consolidated report identify that overall, 88% of service standards across the OPS have achieved 90% or more of their target.

- Open for Business worked closely with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to help plan and launch the Open Ontario pilot in London, Ontario. The pilot aims to expand on Ontario's Modern Compliance Framework, encourage greater coordination and collaboration between regulators and support more effective risk-based compliance activities with the goal of reducing burden and unnecessary inspections for compliant businesses. The pilot project is scheduled to run from March to August 2013.
- Open for Business entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with MaRS to send social policy "problems" to the Solutions Lab. Throughout 2012-13, OFB worked with MaRS to raise awareness among senior leaders and policy staff working on complex social policy issues about using the Solutions Lab to design, test and evaluate solutions to some of Ontario's most elusive societal problems.

Jobs and Prosperity Council

The Government established the Jobs and Prosperity Council to provide advice on a plan to boost Ontario's productivity by leveraging the experience of business, labour, academics and non-government organizations. The Council was also tasked with advising government on consolidating and refocusing existing business support programs.

- The Jobs and Prosperity Council released its report in December 2012. *Advantage Ontario* is a call to action for government, business, the education sector, labour and others. The Government is considering the recommendations and has taken immediate action on some, including the introduction of commercialization vouchers, working with the federal government on venture capital, and global exporter forums.
- The 2013 Ontario Budget announced a technical panel to identify savings in business support programs and refundable tax credits as recommended by the Jobs and Prosperity Council.

Social Enterprise

The Office for Social Enterprise was created to foster an environment where social entrepreneurs can thrive and contribute to economic growth and meaningful jobs while addressing pressing social and environmental challenges.

- The Office has developed innovative financing tools, such as the social enterprise microloan fund for early stage social entrepreneurs, and is addressing gaps in the social enterprise ecosystem such as: support system mapping; a partnership with the Ontario Centre's of Excellence to encourage collaboration between start-up social entrepreneurs and established businesses; and opening up the existing Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs network to social entrepreneurs

Accessibility

Ontario is the first jurisdiction in Canada with legislation that sets out a clear goal and timeframe for accessibility through the prevention and removal of barriers in key areas of daily living.

- Five accessibility standards are now in place under the AODA including Customer Service, Information and Communications, Transportation, Employment and the Design of Public Spaces (Accessibility Standards for the Built Environment).
- Designated public sector organizations were required to comply with the Customer Service Standard by January 1, 2010 – 100% of broader public sector organizations have reported that they are complying with this standard.
- On January 21, 2013, the government announced that the new Accessibility Standards Advisory Council/Standards Development Committee has been created. This new structure will allow government to streamline and strengthen the way standards are reviewed and developed.
- In 2012, the Directorate established 24 new partnerships through the EnAbling Change Program to promote accessibility across the province. For example, the Directorate partnered with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to develop resources, tools and information sessions to support small and medium sized businesses in understanding accessibility requirements. The Directorate also partnered with the Conference Board of Canada to develop a handbook that provides practical information and resources that employers need to successfully include people with disabilities in the workforce.
- The Directorate took part in over 200 days in of province wide outreach during 2012, including participating in a variety of conferences, speaking engagements and other activities to promote accessibility standards among obligated sectors and foster increased awareness of the requirements for and benefits of increased accessibility.

5. Support leading-edge research and innovation in Ontario and promote Ontario's excellence in this area to the world.

- The Ontario Research Fund supports research that can be developed into innovative goods and services to boost Ontario's economy. To date nearly 38,000 highly qualified personnel have been trained, \$1.3 billion in investments has leveraged an additional \$2.87 billion, and 625 industrial and institutional partnerships have been created.
 - Through the Ontario Research Fund – Research Infrastructure Program, the Ministry has to date committed and announced \$740 million towards 1,610 research infrastructure projects through program, leveraging over \$1.68 billion

from federal, institutional and private sector partners. To date, projects have trained 20,617 highly qualified personnel.

- Since the inception of the Ontario Research Fund - Research Excellence Program in 2005, the Ontario Government has committed approximately \$556.6 million to 140 research projects which have leveraged an additional \$1.19 billion in private sector and institutional contributions. To date, projects have trained 17,129 highly qualified personnel.
- In 2012-13 the Ministry made a number of high profile commitments including:
 - *Ontario Brain Institute (OBI)*: Ontario announced renewal funding for \$100 million over five years beginning in 2013-14. The funding will allow OBI to expand current critical research in the areas of epilepsy, cerebral palsy and autism to include depression and neurodegeneration, fund pilot projects for brain injury and addiction and expand Brain-CODE – a centralized patient information system. OBI will continue to foster collaboration between industry and academia leading to the commercialization of innovative neuroscience products and realize healthcare efficiencies. OBI will also continue to leverage funds from industry, philanthropic, national and international sources and are required to achieve a 2:1 ratio of leveraged investments to government funding over the five year term of the agreement.
 - *Ontario Research Fund – Research Infrastructure*: The Ministry committed \$76.4 million to 42 large infrastructure projects, ensuring that Ontario's publicly funded research institutions and their researchers continue to have competitive, state-of-the-art infrastructure to engage in world-leading research and technology development. These new commitments include:
 - \$2.8 million to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health for working towards better diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses;
 - \$3.4 million to the University of Toronto for advancing production of energy-efficient, low-cost solar cells; and,
 - \$2.4 million to the Sunnybrook Research Institute for identifying new drug candidates for treating cancer.
- Since 2003, the Ministry has committed \$88.3 million to 631 researchers leveraging an additional \$31.5 million through the Early Researcher Awards program. Early Researcher Awards winners have trained 12,390 highly qualified personnel.
- 6. **Provide supports to Ontario entrepreneurs and SMEs, including focused supports for innovative and high-growth firms.**
 - The Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs helped our province's technology-based entrepreneurs and companies to accelerate commercialization by:

- Leveraging more than \$219 million, including over \$96 million in private sector cash.
- Creating/retaining more than 34,000 jobs.
- Creating more than 1,300 new firms.
- Obtaining 220 approved patents on new ideas and technologies.
- Developing more than 1,170 prototypes.
- Launching over 1,400 new products and services to the marketplace.
- Assisted in the creation of over 7000 new businesses and 1480 business expansions resulting in over 9000 new jobs through the network of 57 Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBEs).
- Delivered 7 aboriginal events in partnership with Ontario's network of 57 Small Business Enterprise Centres
- Supported 483 students to start and manage their own businesses through the Summer Company program.
- Administered the Ontario Global Edge Program with 53 overseas placements for entrepreneurial students through 10 post-secondary institutions.
- Committed over \$990,000 to 23 projects through a fourth round of funding for the Youth Entrepreneurship Partnerships (YEP) program.
- Completed five sectoral e-business pilot projects, with the results now available to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) from the association web sites or Smartphone applications.
- Supported 142 e-business events hosted by Ontario's network of 57 Small Business Enterprise Centres, attracting about 2,900 participants.
- Through its Business Advisory Services, the Ministry provided over 2,200 business consultations to client companies, resulting in:
 - 1,095 new jobs created and over 1,806 jobs retained through over \$252 million in new sales, including over \$190 million in international and inter-provincial exports;
 - Almost \$13.6 million in cost reductions and over \$339 million in new investment projects, including over \$333 million in new capitalized spending and over \$6.1 million in new non-capitalized spending; and
 - Sourced over \$71.8 million in debt and equity financing from the private sector, almost \$65.1 million from the public sector, and over \$14.9 million in tax credits and grants

Table 1: Ministry Interim Actual Expenditures 2012-13

	Ministry Interim Actual Expenditures 2012-13 (\$M)
Operating Expense *	818.355
Capital Expense *	154.559
Staff Strength (as of March 31, 2013)	602.95

* Excludes the following Consolidation Adjustments:

- Consolidation Adjustment - Ontario Immigrant Investor Corporation
- Consolidation Adjustment - Hospitals
- Consolidation Adjustment - Colleges
- Consolidation Adjustment - Ontario Capital Growth Corporation

GLOSSARY

ADO	Accessibility Directorate of Ontario
AMIS	Advanced Manufacturing Investment Strategy
AODA	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
ASAC/SDC	Accessibility Standards Advisory Council/Standards Development Committee
CED	Community Export Development
CEOs	Chief Executive Officers
CEPA	Canada-India Economic Partnership Agreement
CETA	Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement
CIT	Communities in Transition
CORPAY	Corporate Payroll System
COO	Chief Operating Officer
CRIBE	Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy
eCRM	Electronic Client Relationship Management
EDO	Economic Development Officer/Economic Development Organization
EODF	Eastern Ontario Development Fund
FOI	Freedom of Information
IBDR	International Business Development Representative
ICT	Information and Communications Technologies
IDF	Innovation Demonstration Fund
IFIS	Integrated Financial Information System
IM & IT	Information Management & Information Technology
IT	Information Technology
IO	Infrastructure Ontario
MCS	Ministry of Consumer Services
MEDTE	Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment
MGS	Ministry of Government Services
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MRI	Ministry of Research and Innovation
NGOJF	Next Generation of Jobs Fund
OAIS	Ontario Automotive Investment Strategy
OBI	Ontario Bran Institute
OCGC	Ontario Capital Growth Corporation
OFB	Open for Business
OICR	Ontario Institute for Cancer Research
OIIC	Ontario Immigrant Investor Corporation
OITC	Ontario Investment and Trade Centre
OMC	Ontario Manufacturing Council
ONE	Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs
OPS	Ontario Public Service
ORFAB	Ontario Research Fund Advisory Board
OSS	Ontario Shared Services
RICs	Regional Innovation Centres

RIA	Regulatory Impact Analysis
SBAO	Small Business Agency of Ontario
SBECs	Small Business Enterprise Centres
SHRBU	Strategic Human Resources Business Unit
SO	Service Ontario
SJIF	Strategic Jobs and Investment Fund
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
SWODF	Southwestern Ontario Development Fund
VQA	Vintners Quality Alliance
WIN	Workforce Information Network
WSIB	Workplace Safety and Insurance Board
WTO	World Trade Organization
YEP	Youth Entrepreneurship Partnerships