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or

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Topic: Education and skills training

*Recommendation 1: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

In this particular consultation process, CASFAA's presentation will centre on how to create quality sustainable jobs through a Federal Work-Study Program administered through participating postsecondary institutions across Canada. The proposed program would provide students with an employment history to gain successful employment upon graduation. Administered by their educational institution of choice, this program would offer students the opportunity to build employer connections and obtain much-need resources to retain their access to PSE.

Expected cost or savings: From the pull-down menus, please indicate the expected cost or savings of your recommendation to the federal government and the period of time to which the expected cost or savings is related.

$10 million-$99.9 million

Immediately

Federal funding: Please provide a precise indication of how the federal government could fund your recommendation. For example, indicate what federal spending should be reallocated, what federal tax measure(s) should be introduced, eliminated or changed, etc.

CASFAA recommends that the federal government review its education related tax credits and give serious consideration to redirecting a portion of the funding towards means tested programs that support high-need and under-represented groups.

Intended beneficiaries: Please indicate the groups of individuals, the sector(s) and/or the regions that would benefit by implementation of your recommendation.

Aboriginals, persons with disabilities, low-income earners, first generation post-secondary learners, young males and youth from rural communities, continue to remain under-represented in universities and colleges across Canada. Improving access to higher education for these groups is widely acknowledged as essential to building a more equitable society and to competing in the increasingly knowledge based economy. A federal Work-Study Program will enhance career development, employability skills and general networking opportunities for PSE students.

General impacts: Depending on the nature of your recommendation, please indicate how the standard of living of Canadians would be improved, jobs would be created, people would be trained, etc.

Students from under-represented groups often face a variety of barriers to accessing higher education. The complexity of the issues each group face can differ to varying degrees. Through program participation, students will gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to effectively utilize their own potential and capabilities to transition from post-secondary education to full-time employment.

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