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This brief is submitted by:

(•) **an organization** **Organization name:** Youth Employment Services

or

( ) **an individual** **Name:** _____

Topic: Employment, labour markets and unions

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

Canada's economic success and future prosperity depend on a skilled and educated workforce. Canada's unemployment rate continues to be approximately 7%, while unemployment for marginalize groups such as youth has been reported around 14 %. What is needed is a stronger skills development strategy in response to a growing gap in skills and working experience for indivudals starting or transitioning their career. The budget must continue and increase its investment into internship initiatives such as the HRDC internship program under the youth employment strategy.

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.

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The nation would benefit from the implementation of this recommendation, but especially marginalized groups, namely youth, people with disabilities, Aborginal Canadians, and newcomers.

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.

This recommendation would assist youth who are facing multiple barriers to employment including language. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to be trained, improve their analytical and technical skills and prepare for future entry into the labour market.

Topic: Small and medium-sized enterprises

Recommendation 2: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

Enhanced provisions of services and support for entrepreneurs for groups such as youth, official language minorities, women and new arrivals could further the level of economic development and as a corollary, contribute to the stainability of urban and rural communities as well as the economic well being of Canada. Increased investment is needed for economic development and official languages initiatives such as Canada Economic Development Canada for the Quebec Region programs to provide support assistance programs through local not-for-profits.

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Enhanced support programs and service delivery with regard to economic development activities and initiatives which would contribute to the overall well-being and stainability of the nation, especially marginalized groups.

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Entrepreneurial action creates value, there is a near perfect correlation between rates of entrepreneurship and the economic health of a region, province or country, and that 75% of net new jobs are created by growing companies five years old or less. Entrepreneurship matters.

Topic: Arts and culture

Recommendation 3: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

Investing in the arts reaps additional benefits of jobs, economic growth and a quality of life that positions communities to compete in our 21st century creative economy. Its also fosters identity building and a sense of belonging for minority groups. Additional investment must be contributed to the Arts and official language initiatives such as Canadian Heritage's program the Cultural Development Fund.

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Investment in the arts and cultural organizations that can benefit local, provincial and the national economy by supporting job growth, stimulating commerce and sustaining neighborhoods by providing a sense of belonging.

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In addition to the strong contribution that arts and culture makes to the quality of life of all Canadians, the sector has a positive impact on the economy. Numerous jobs are created each year within the artistic field, as well as new businesses.

Please use this page if you wish to provide more explanation about your recommendation(s).

Youth Employment Services would like to note that our Executive Director will be on vacation until August 6th, 2013 and would like to the opportunity to expand on these recommendations, if possible.

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*Please note that at least one recommendation must be provided