

## 2010/2011 Federal Budget Highlights for Colleges and Institutes

### Supporting Innovation and Applied Research:

- College and Community Innovation Program (CCIP) funding doubled to \$30 million per year starting in 2010–11 to support additional collaborative projects in colleges across the country, strengthen the competitiveness of small and medium-sized businesses through innovation, and enable additional young Canadians to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. *This was our strategic priority for 2010-2011.*
- \$1 billion to support deferred maintenance, repair and construction at Canada's colleges and universities. *This money was announced last year.*
- Combined annual budgets of Canada's research granting councils increased by an additional \$32 million per year, plus an additional \$8 million per year to the Indirect Costs of Research Program (\$32 million includes \$5 million per year to foster closer research collaborations between academic institutions and the private sector through NSERC's Strategy for Partnerships and Innovation). *Colleges may access these funds. More information to come in the spring.*
- Renewed and ongoing \$49 million in annual funding for the regional development agencies to support innovation across Canada. *Regional agencies have supported colleges in the past, especially Western Economic Diversification.*
- A new Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Innovation Commercialization Program provides \$40 million over two years to support up to 20 demonstration projects.
- \$135 million over two years to the National Research Council Canada's regional innovation clusters program. *This program provides opportunities for colleges to partner with their communities.*
- The development of a Digital Economy Strategy that will enable the ICT sector to create new products and services, accelerate the adoption of digital technologies, and contribute to improved cyber security practices by industry and consumers. *We will keep you posted on the development of the Strategy. This could lead to further partnerships for colleges.*
- Other sectors receiving money for development and commercialization include Agriculture, Forestry, Mining and Fisheries.
- \$1 billion over five years under the Clean Energy Fund to support research, development and demonstration of promising clean energy technologies, including carbon capture and storage technologies. *These funds could be relevant for college programs on renewable energy.*

- \$8 million over two years to extend the International Science and Technology Partnerships Program (ISTPP) to promote collaborative research and development activities with international partners such as India, China and Brazil. *More details to come.*

### **Contributing to Advanced Skills:**

- Enhancing Availability of Training—\$1.9 Billion :
  - Enhanced Employment Insurance training programs, Strategic Training and Transition Fund—\$500 million
  - Youth Employment—\$55 million
  - Targeted Initiative for Older Workers—\$40 million
  - Apprenticeship Completion Grant—\$80 million
  - Foreign credential recognition—\$50 million
  - Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnerships—\$80 million
  - Aboriginal Skills and Training Strategic Investment Fund—\$75 million
  - Aboriginal Human Resources Development Strategy—\$25 million
- \$20 million for Pathways to Education Canada to partner with the private sector, other governments and non-governmental organizations and work with communities in support of disadvantaged youth. This funding will enable Pathways to extend its reach to more young Canadians who are facing barriers to their pursuit of post-secondary education. *Pathways to Education Canada partners with community agencies and organizations.*
- Government will engage in a new approach to providing support to First Nations and Inuit post-secondary students to ensure that students receive the support they need to attend post-secondary education. *Aboriginal PSE was an advocacy priority for this budget round.*
- Over \$900 million will be invested in communities that have been particularly hard hit by the economic downturn (includes \$500 million through the Community Adjustment Fund). *Some colleges have accessed this funding in the past.*
- A further \$108 million over three years to support young people looking to gain skills and experience, including:
  - a one-year \$30-million increase in funding for the Career Focus component of the Youth Employment Strategy
  - \$10 million to the Canadian Youth Business Foundation to support its work with Canada's young entrepreneurs.
  - a one-year \$30-million increase in funding for Skills Link to assist more young Canadians while the labour market recovers. (*Colleges interested in this program should visit: <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/newprog/skillslink.shtml>*)
- Support to implement the Pan-Canadian Framework for the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Qualifications.