

ICT Industry Recommendations Progress Report

4 Work Groups / 4 Sets of Recommendations

- **Innovation**
- **Talent**
- **Productivity**
- **Procurement**

Innovation

Recommendation 1: Build a strong incentive program to encourage R&D investment and job growth

Response:
Next Generation of Jobs Fund
Tax holiday for commercialization
Specific sectoral programs (digital media)

Recommendation 2: Closer consultation with Ministry of Health

Response:
consultations and town hall meetings with the Ministry of Health

Recommendation 3: Creation of more Centres of Excellence

Response:
Support for collaborations through SIP of NGOF

Talent

Recommendation 1: Establish a talent strategy for Ontario

Response: Full support of MEDT, Med, MTCU and MRI in this process

Recommendation 2: Private/public partnerships to promote math, tech and science literacy

Response: MEDT funding of a program inventory to be complete 3Q 2008

Recommendation 3: Promote multi-disciplinary education (tech/commerce)

Response: ITAC and _____ will convene to discuss a strategy

Talent (cont'd.)

Recommendation 4: Improve attraction and integration of skilled workers

Response: MEDT/Multiculturalism and Immigration workshops for employers

Recommendation 5: Improve co-op programs

Response: Discussion initiated with MTCU

Recommendation 6: Improve income tax treatment for digital content developers

Response: Improvements in Budget 2008

ITAC's Response on Talent

Creation of a permanent Talent Committee of the Board, chaired by Robert Crow

Productivity

Recommendation 1: **Promote ICT adoption among SMEs**

Recommendation 2: **Support measures for hiring/training SME ICT personnel**

Recommendation 3: **Budget mandated collaboration with CME - \$25 million over 2 years.**

Procurement

Recommendation 1: Review government opportunities for more innovative ICT use

Response:

Recommendation 2: Continue to improve procurement processes

Response:

Recommendation 3: Introduce pre-procurement pilots

Response: