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MP Tilly O'Neill Gordon invites local employers to apply for Canada Summer Jobs 2012

Creating jobs, strengthening communities

Miramichi, New Brunswick, February 2, 2012— Tilly O'Neill Gordon, Member of Parliament for Miramichi, today encouraged employers to apply for funding through the Canada Summer Jobs program to help create jobs for students this summer.

Employers can apply online at www.servicecanada.gc.ca/csj2012 or print an application from the website. They can also get an application by visiting any Service Canada Centre. Applications must be submitted between February 1 and February 29, 2012.

“Our government’s top priority is job creation and economic growth,” said O'Neill Gordon. “Through Canada Summer Jobs, we are helping Miramichi employers create much-needed summer job opportunities for students, while strengthening our community’s economy.”

To help employers complete their application, the *Canada Summer Jobs Applicant Guide* is available online, by calling 1-800-935-5555, or by visiting any Service Canada Centre.

Funding will be available for small businesses, not-for-profit organizations and public-sector employers to create high-quality summer job opportunities for young people aged 15 to 30 years who are full-time students intending to return to their studies in the next school year.

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In 2011, the Government of Canada permanently increased the annual budget for Canada Summer Jobs by \$10 million. The increased funding is helping more students gain the skills and experience they need to be successful, both now and in the future.

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Canada Summer Jobs provides funding to not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer employees. Not-for-profit employers are eligible for up to 100 percent of the provincial/territorial minimum hourly wage and mandatory employment-related costs. Public-sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer employees are eligible for up to 50 percent of the provincial/territorial minimum hourly wage.

Interested employers can apply online at www.servicecanada.gc.ca/csj2012.

Completed applications may be submitted using one of the following methods:

- Online: Applications must be submitted by February 29, 2012, 23:59 Pacific Time. Applying online is quick and easy.
- In person: Applications must be received before the closing time of the local Service Canada Centre on February 29, 2012.
- By mail: Applications must be postmarked on or before February 29, 2012.
- By fax: Applications must be faxed to a Service Canada Centre by February 29, 2012, 23:59 local time.

Canada Summer Jobs is part of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy (YES). Led by HRSDC in partnership with 10 other federal departments, YES helps youth, particularly those facing barriers to employment, obtain career information, develop skills, gain work experience, find good jobs and stay employed.

Youth employment programs are part of the Government of Canada's broader strategy to create an educated, skilled and flexible workforce. The Government highlighted its commitment to this strategy in Canada's Economic Action Plan. A key element of the Plan includes increasing and improving opportunities for Canadian workers through skills development. To learn more about Canada's Economic Action Plan, visit www.actionplan.gc.ca.