



International experts to highlight successful strategies for developing a highly skilled workforce

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The NSWPB/LEPC, in partnership with the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce and local business owner Uli Walther, are excited to host an upcoming series of engagement sessions. **International Lessons in Developing a Highly-Skilled Workforce** are a series of discussions that will be taking place from March 7th - 9th, 2018 in Thunder Bay, and will focus on the potential for adopting new strategies and best practices that have been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions.

For over 100 years, the dual-system apprenticeship model that has been implemented in Germany has proven to be a successful approach to reduce skills shortages in the workforce. This system splits education between the workplace and the classroom, with a high degree of involvement from employers. We have invited our German Vocational and Educational Experts to lend their expertise and further the dialogue surrounding integrated learning.

PUBLIC LUNCHEON AND OPEN FORUM – Thursday March 8th, 2018

We will be hosting a public luncheon at the **Victoria Inn on Thursday March 8th, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.** Our community partners representing education and training, industry, and government will have the opportunity to partake in an open forum with our German Vocational and Educational Experts to explore current challenges and opportunities experienced within the German apprenticeship system. To register for this luncheon, please visit www.nswpb.ca/lepc/skilledworkforce

Media are invited to attend the luncheon. Please contact the LEPC/NSWPB office at 807-346-2940 if you plan to attend.

Media Interviews: Madge Richardson Executive Director of the North Superior Workforce Planning Board and the Local Employment Planning Council, and our German vocational and educational experts are available for comment. Please contact: Madge Richardson, Executive Director, NSWPB & LEPC (807)346-2943 mrichardson@nswpb.ca.

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