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Dear Stakeholder:

In 2010, the Expert Advisory Panel on Occupational Health and Safety delivered a ground breaking report and recommendations calling for some of the most significant changes that our health and safety system has seen in decades. A priority recommendation of the Panel was the development of an integrated occupational health and safety strategy for Ontario that would effectively integrate, align, and coordinate programs and services delivered by system partners.

We are reaching out to stakeholders across the province to invite them to participate in a series of strategic discussions during February and March, on the first-ever integrated occupational health and safety strategy for Ontario. The integrated strategy will guide the work of system partners in the future.

Ministry representatives will be facilitating discussions that will offer representatives from employer and labour groups and other interested parties the opportunity to come together to confer on how Ontario's occupational health and safety system can be better integrated to help you make workplaces safer. These discussions will give you the opportunity to provide feedback on the essential features of an effective and integrated occupational health and safety system.

To take full advantage of your participation, these discussions will be integrated with the annual Safe At Work Ontario consultations. In addition, your feedback will be sought on issues spanning the full range of the ministry's occupational health and safety continuum and employment supports, from program development to education to enforcement. This will include seeking your feedback on the ministry's Safe At Work and employment standards compliance plans.

This is a transition year that will be especially important for workplace safety as we move to a new integrated occupational health and safety strategy. The full potential for our collective success cannot be realized without your say. We hope you will accept this invitation to be part of this new way forward and participate in our dialogue. This session will be held on March 8th, 2013 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at:

Centre for Health and Safety Innovation
Conference Centre West
5110 Creebank Road
Mississauga Ontario
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Again, in keeping with the recommendations outlined in the Expert Advisory Panel's report which identified the need for more coordination and cooperation, we will be ensuring that the consultations are as inclusive as possible. We will do this through face-to-face meetings, web-postings, surveys, Ministry publications (What's New and Health & Safety At Work TODAY) and ongoing communication with our existing email contacts.

Further information on our strategy discussions can be found on our website through the following links, either: ontario.ca/preventionatwork or ontario.ca/preventionautravail.

If you would like to participate please notify the Occupational Health and Safety Branch by February 22, 2013 at the following email address: SAWOC consultations@Ontario.ca. Please note that spaces are limited.

We would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment as an active partner working to ensure the continued improvement of Ontario's workplaces.

If you require additional information, please contact us at SAWOC consultations@Ontario.ca.

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