

Contractors Group Calls New Temporary Worker Rules, “Another Step In the Right Direction”

EDMONTON, AB – April 25, 2012 – The President of Alberta’s largest association of open shop construction contractors applauded today’s announcement on the Accelerated-Labour Market Opinion (A-LMO) process by Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley as another step in the right direction to helping solve Canada’s shortage of skilled workers.

Under the new system, employers with a proven track record of meeting the objectives of the Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) program with respect to domestic recruitment and adherence to local employment standards, will be eligible to have their applications fast-tracked. Increased audit and compliance measures will also be implemented to ensure that the economic and employment rights of both Canadian and temporary workers are protected.

Speaking in Edmonton, Merit Contractors Association President Stephen Kushner stated, “While we await an examination of the specific operating rules for the A-LMO, we are encouraged by this and other recently announced initiatives by the federal government with respect to addressing skill shortages across the country. This is but one component of a broad range of domestic and foreign solutions to long term human resource challenges facing our industry. Today’s announcement is most welcome and in view is another step in the right direction by the federal government.

About Merit Contractors Association:

Merit Contractors Association is a province-wide, not-for-profit association comprised of over 1,300 contractor member firms that employ over 40,000 people in commercial, institutional and industrial construction sectors. The Association was formed in 1986 to serve the needs of the open shop construction industry. Visit www.meritalberta.com

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