



Connection

UPDATE

A newsletter for the BCIT Community

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INDUSTRY LIAISON SLATED FOR DEVELOPMENT

President Roy Murray has approved a proposal that will enhance government/industry liaison at BCIT.

The proposal involves the expansion of the Co-operative Education Department's mandate to include the development of mechanisms and systems to support a Government/Industry Liaison Office at the Institute.

This initiative will integrate both new and existing information systems regarding BCIT resources and government and industry contacts. The key objectives are threefold: 1) to enhance internal and external communication on this topic 2) to co-ordinate and facilitate liaison with government and industry and 3) to increase our knowledge and use of government funds where appropriate.

Kerry Jothen, formerly Co-operative Education Co-ordinator, has been released full-time to work on Government/Industry Liaison. The Manager of the Co-operative Education Department, Martin Hendy, will now report directly to Peter Jones, Vice President, Student Services and Educational Support.

President Murray views the Institute's utilization of relevant programs and mechanisms for funding under the federal government's (CEIC) Canadian Jobs Strategy as a high priority. Substantial new funds are available to BCIT and other institutions to act as a third party for delivery of training to employers, as well as for CEIC direct purchase of training seats for its clients. In addition, Kerry Jothen is closely studying the provincial government's new JOBTRAC initiative which provides several new programs that may be of interest to BCIT departments and our constituents. The industry liaison aspect of this new mandate will start in earnest this September when more of the faculty and staff are present to participate.

President Murray and senior management at the Institute are fully committed to this project and hope for faculty and staff support to make it a success. For more information contact Kerry Jothen at 432-8471 (Trailer 1C).