

June 23, 2009

Hon. Hector Goudreau  
Minister of Employment  
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Minister Goudreau:

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) recently held our 2009 Provincial Conference where 24 new policies were adopted, including two directly related to your ministry.

These policies are:

- *First contract arbitration; and*
- *Reconciling legislative ambiguities with respect to employer alcohol and drug policies.*

We would also like to inform you that during the conference our members were pleased to applaud your government's progress on a policy approved at our 2008 Provincial Conference. This policy is called *Armed Forces reservists legislation* and its recommendations were completed with the passing of Bill 1 – *Employment Standards (Reservists Leave) Amendment Act*. Our federation thanks your department for its work on this policy.

Along with the new policies approved at our conference, ACC also has five previously approved employment and/or immigration policies. They are the following:

- *Maintaining the Alberta Advantage – By strengthening industry and labour;*
- *Development of Alberta's workforce;*
- *Fully utilizing the skills and talents of immigrants in Alberta;*
- *Improving Canada and Alberta immigration processes; and*
- *Proposed amendments to the Alberta Labour Relations Code.*

All policies that fall under the auspices of your department are enclosed for your reference.

We are seeking written responses from your ministry on the policies listed above by August 14, 2009, as that timeline allows us to report to our members. We will also post the responses on our website.

Minister Goudreau, you have been generous with your time, and we hope to continue the positive relationship we have built with you. ACC would appreciate scheduling a meeting with you to discuss our policies, as well as issues of particular interest to you.

We look forward to hearing from you,



Don Oszli, FCA, CA, CIA, CMA  
Chair



Ken Kobly, FCGA  
President and CEO

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Enclosures

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