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Re: Job Site Challenge

The Province of Ontario is pleased to announce the launch of the Job Site Challenge — an exciting new program open to property owners and land developers across the province.

The Job Site Challenge is a *mega site program* modelled on successful large-scale investment attraction opportunities created in a number of US states over the last decade. It is designed to create and showcase shovel-ready sites capable of attracting large-scale manufacturing investment. The government of Ontario will provide value-add services to increase the attractiveness of properties and market the sites to domestic and international investors.

This is an opportunity for municipalities, economic development agencies, real estate developers, industrial property owners and other interested parties to submit proposals to the Province identifying mega site candidates for consideration. With the assistance of an internationally recognized site selector, sites will be evaluated and selected, based on how well they meet a set of site eligibility criteria.

We are searching for sites ranging from 500 to 1,500 acres in size capable of supporting large-scale manufacturing operations. Specifically, sites that are or could be zoned for heavy industrial use and that are serviced or serviceable by utilities, transportation and other infrastructure.

Program participants of selected sites will benefit from:

- Validation and endorsement of their site by an internationally recognized site selector
- Promotion and marketing by both the Province and the site selector to international and domestic investors
- Streamlined approvals review process for applicable provincial licences, permits and environmental approvals required to develop and service a site.

As the first of its kind in Canada, the Job Site Challenge is intended to raise Ontario's profile and improve our attractiveness internationally — so that we can compete with other North American jurisdictions for coveted large-scale investments in automotive and other advanced manufacturing and create good, high-paying jobs for the people of Ontario.

To participate, applicants are asked to submit a detailed proposal for consideration by March 31, 2020. We are asking participants to put forward their "best case" with sites that meet the specified criteria.

All necessary information about the Job Site Challenge, including site eligibility criteria, is available in the program application guide which can be requested by email at burdenreductionteam@ontario.ca.

Should you have any questions about the program or how to apply, please contact the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade — Small Business and Red Tape Reduction at the email noted above. You can also visit the [Job Site Challenge website](#) for additional information.

Thank you for your interest in the Job Site Challenge. We look forward to working with interested program participants.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Giles Gherson', written over a thin horizontal line.

Giles Gherson
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