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Building Trades Council Welcomes Liberal Funding Announcement on Training

(Toronto, ON) “The Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario applauds the Liberal Party of Canada’s recent pledge to invest in apprenticeship training programs and facilities that will reach hundreds of communities across the country,” announced Patrick Dillon, Business Manager and Secretary Treasurer, commenting on an announcement by Party Leader Justin Trudeau.

The Liberals have announced that \$750 million will be invested in apprenticeship programs per year, while \$25 million per year have been pledged towards facilities that train Canada’s workforce. “Over the last 10 years, the federal Conservative government of Stephen Harper has forced provinces and territories to pick up the slack for his absence in providing the coordinated training assistance that our industry expects from the federal government,” explained Dillon.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau said that “by investing in skills training for Canada’s labour force, Liberals are not only correcting the mistakes of the Harper decade – we are building a country that gives everyone a real and fair chance to succeed.”

“Access to meaningful employment in the trades is best-secured through strong, *bona fide* apprenticeship training programs that serve the future workforce” said Dillon, adding that “reliable federal funding is a key pillar in that regard and we congratulate the Trudeau team for taking this bold step.”

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