**EI Commissioner’s Employer Forum, November 1 2018**

**David MacDonald Boardroom, 1st Floor, Place du Portage, Phase IV 140, Promenade du Portage, Gatineau, QC**

 **Agenda**

**Objectives: Prepare for possible government review of Employment Insurance; Update on tools/support for forecasting and addressing skills needs; Discuss potential short term EI policy/admin improvements important to employers.**

9h00 ***Welcome, Overview, Introductions—****Judith Andrew*

9h15 ***A word from new Deputy Minister/CEIC Chair--****Graham Flack*

9h30 ***Towards an EI review…***

***EI Part 1 (benefits)***

  ***“What’s New in EI and Key Labour Market Trends”***

*Andrew Brown, DG Employment Insurance Policy*

10h00 ***Pause***

10h15 ***EI Part 2 (training and labour market support measures)***

 ***“Employment Insurance Part II: Active Employment Measures”***

Duncan Shaw, A/DG EI Policy and Design Directorate

10h45 ***Insights from the Research***

***“Employment Insurance (EI): The Evidence Base”***

*Yves Gingras, DG Evaluation*

11h15 ***Discussion of Employer Themes for EI Review –***

 *Moderated by Judith Andrew with Rodger Cuzner, Parliamentary Secretary*

12h00 ***Lunch***

13h00 “***Forecasting and Addressing Employer Skills Needs”***

*Benoit Tessier, DG Employer Liaison Service*

13h30 “***Labour Market Information Building Blocks and Delivery Platform”***

 *Stephen Johnson, DG Labour Market Information Directorate*

14h00 ***Pause***

14h15  ***The (administrative) fix is in …***

***“Overview on Modernizing EI…Benefit Delivery Modernization, ePayroll and Hosted Contact Centre Solution”***

*Benoit Long, Senior ADM, Transformation and Integrated Service Management Branch and*

*Fred Begley, DG Special Projects*

***“EI simplifications re employer reporting”***

*Rachel de Grace, Director Advocacy and Legislative Content, Canadian Payroll Association and previous Co-chair E-Payroll Co-Development*

***“Addressing Premium Reduction Program Issues”***

*Mike MacPhee, DG Program Services Oversight*

*Deanne Field, Director Service Delivery PPPD*

***“Temporary Foreign Worker Program Operations and Efforts to Improve Processing”***

*Katie Alexander, Executive Director TFWP Operations*

***“Wrap-up on Operational Issues”***

*Cliff Groen, ADM Benefit Delivery Services*

15h40 ***“EI recourse/appeals co-development report”***

*Benoit Robidoux, Associate Deputy Minister*

15h55 ***Pause for Group Photo with Minister***

16h00 ***Round Table with Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development***

17h00 ***Concluding remarks***