

MEDIA INVITATION

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A solution to the Canadian workforce shortage

Tens of thousands of Canadians live with Episodic disabilities, traditionally characterized by indeterminable periods of wellness and illness. Many of these individuals are trapped by a system that makes it virtually impossible for them to return to work, or for employers to hire them.

Canada faces a major workforce shortage, yet we have people that are ready and willing to work . Disability income support policies without flexible options, present deterrents to accessing employment. How can we lift these barriers to meet the needs and aspirations of people living with disabilities and ensure the continued growth of our country?

Who:

Government, private industry, advocacy groups and associations will discuss the topic of Episodic Disabilities in an open, unscripted forum.

obtain primary data at source in a real-time interactive forum on this most pressing topic. Meet and hear from a cross-section of key industry stakeholders in an unscripted dialogue with their peers detailing their issues and the best practices they are incorporating in the purview of their operations.

WHEN: June 19th 2008 8:30 am

WHERE: Laurel Point Inn Victoria BC

WHY: We have all heard about the “Shortage in the Canadian workforce,” yet tens of thousands of individuals, through no fault of their own, are removed from the workforce, with little or not opportunity of returning. These are the individuals who suffer from Episodic Disabilities.

Our inflexible systems virtually trap these people in a life of little opportunity and often poverty, yet many are more than capable of providing valuable input and skills needed by for our workforce and economy.

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