



Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario)

In response to Ontario's economic challenges, Budget 2009 provided more than \$1 billion over five years for a new Southern Ontario development agency. The agency's programs will support economic and community development, innovation, and economic diversification, with contributions to communities, businesses and non-profit organizations. It will help workers, communities and businesses in southern Ontario position themselves to take advantage of opportunities, as economic growth recovers in Canada and around the world.

What's New

- FedDev Ontario is now accepting applications under the new Youth STEM initiative, which will encourage students in kindergarten through grade 12 to explore education and careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), launched the program at an event at Notre Dame College School in Welland.
- FedDev Ontario is now accepting applications under the Prosperity Initiative, aimed at boosting productivity, economic diversification and competitiveness in communities across southern Ontario.
- FedDev Ontario is now accepting applications under Investing in Business Innovation, a new initiative that will boost private sector investment in start-up businesses to accelerate the development of new products, processes and practices and bring them to market. It will also help angel investor networks to attract new investors. Today, at Solgate Solar PV Manufacturing in Vaughan, The Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for FedDev Ontario was on hand with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to launch Investing in Business Innovation, the latest in a series of new funding initiatives FedDev Ontario will deliver to build a *Southern Ontario Advantage*.
- FedDev Ontario is now accepting applications under a new funding initiative called Scientists and Engineers in Business. The initiative will improve the success rate of start-up businesses in southern Ontario by building the business skills of young entrepreneurs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and providing targeted support to help them bring innovative ideas and products to market. The Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for FedDev Ontario, launched the program at an event at Brock University on October 13.
- FedDev Ontario is now accepting applications under the new Graduate Enterprise Internship initiative, which will equip graduate students and recent graduates of science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs with real-world business experience through internships with structured mentoring opportunities. The Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for FedDev Ontario, launched the program at an event at AGFA Healthcare in Waterloo.
- FedDev Ontario is now accepting applications under the new Technology Development Program, which will accelerate the development of large-scale, advanced technology projects with commercial potential. The Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for FedDev Ontario, launched the program at an event at The Robarts Research Institute in London.