

# RESEARCH Opportunities

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## Research Excellence for Decision Making

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#### March 9

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Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) circulates *Research Opportunities* to the broad research community to increase awareness of the department's Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for policy research. We encourage you to take the time to review the RFPs and submit proposals where the research suits your interests. Information on how to submit a proposal is provided in the RFP. Prospective bidders should ensure they follow the steps outlined in the RFP. For more information on the research outlined in this publication, please consult the attached RFP document or contact the respective Contracting Authority. If you would like to subscribe to *Research Opportunities*, please contact [nc-hrsdc-research-gd@hrsdc-rhdsc.gc.ca](mailto:nc-hrsdc-research-gd@hrsdc-rhdsc.gc.ca). Please note that this mailbox is otherwise used for outgoing emails only. Please do not direct questions related to the above research to this mailbox.

Some of the department's RFPs continue to be posted on MERX, an online service for tendering contracts. If you are interested in additional opportunities for research you can visit [www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com) for a list of available opportunities. Access to complete descriptions and requirements of federally issued RFPs are available through basic registration, which is free.

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### Labour Market Adjustment: Evaluation Synthesis of Findings and Lessons Learned

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The Evaluation Directorate of Human Resources and Skills Development wishes to retain the services of contractors to conduct thematic evaluation synthesis on Labour market adjustment.

This request for proposals (RFP) is for the Labour Market Adjustment Synthesis study – please see additional RFP for the Program uptake synthesis study.

Evaluation synthesis is an approach for addressing questions that can be satisfactorily answered without conducting primary data collection. Along with individual evaluation, evaluation synthesis can serve three basic purposes:

- Accountability and/or progress reporting on achieving objectives;
- Management decision-making on the design and implementation of interventions; and
- Evaluation and/or performance measurement planning and framing.

Evaluation synthesis aims at identifying what works, how, why, in which circumstances in relation with a specific intervention outcome or population group, and policy instrument(s)/ intervention(s). Beyond a summary, a synthesis is an analysis that focuses on cross-cutting issues, drawing, whenever possible, horizontal conclusions and not merely repeating individual evaluation conclusions. From such overall conclusions, it then draws lessons learned and implications for the development and implementation of interventions, as well as for their performance measurement.

**Closing date:** This RFP will close on: March 9, 2009. Proposals will not be accepted after 16:00 (EST / EDT).

**Contract value:** The cost of the project shall not exceed the available budget of \$60,000 (including GST/HST and travel if applicable).

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**Note:** See full Request for Proposal (RFP) for complete project description

Please, circulate to interested colleagues and post in a public place.

