

## Achieving Our Priorities for all Albertans

2007 began with great change – a new premier and new government; and a new ministry of Employment, Immigration and Industry (EII) with a new mandate.

Premier Ed Stelmach has mandated EII to improve and strengthen Alberta’s immigration approach; advance Alberta’s Rural Development Strategy; consolidate statistics and government data; and implement our labour strategy, including better supporting Aboriginal, Métis, and First Nations people.

I am proud that EII’s mandate supports four of government’s five priorities: manage growth pressures; improve Albertans’ quality of life; build a stronger Alberta; and govern with integrity and transparency.



With the priorities and goals outlined in this business plan, we are able to serve and develop Alberta’s broad economic and social spectrum. EII supports and transitions people from the schoolroom to the boardroom – from other parts of Canada and the world to Alberta’s communities – from income support to meaningful jobs that contribute to safe workplaces, healthy homes, and vibrant economies.

We will help Albertans who most need our support by ensuring they get the training and help necessary to find and keep jobs and by providing the best supplemental benefits in Canada. The addition of Women’s Issues to this portfolio fosters a new dimension in ensuring quality of life for everyone.

We will continue to lead government’s *Securing Tomorrow’s Prosperity* strategy to develop competitive value-added goods and service industries, to increase productivity, and along with industry, regional economic development associations, and other partners, we will focus on attracting investment and promoting opportunities especially in the rural and northern Alberta.

Our “Made in Alberta” immigration strategy will feature improvements to the Provincial Nominee program, increased settlement services, and innovative ways to attract immigrants.

We have a tremendous opportunity with this new ministry to make a real difference for many Albertans and I look forward to realizing our mandate for 2007-08 together with you.

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