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Teamworks Career Centre, Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, and Alberta Ministry of Labour and Immigration launch new employment services to support unemployed southern Albertans and local employers.

Lethbridge, AB – Teamworks Career Centre, in partnership with the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, announces the launch of new re-employment services under the flag name of **Project Hire** to support both work-ready unemployed Albertans and southern Alberta employers who are in need of qualified employees.

Eligible ready-to-work Albertans can participate in this employment program at no cost. This timely program is funded by the Alberta Ministry of Labour and Immigration and the Government of Canada with the intent to get unemployed Albertans transitioned to new work in the shortest time possible and to *support employers* by *providing financial support* when training a new employee directly at the worksite.

For close to 30 years, Teamworks has worked on behalf of the provincial and federal governments to assist thousands of Albertans in finding and securing employment. This new program now provides eligible unemployed Albertans the opportunity to work one-on-one with a trained job coach and access such services as: career coaching, job search support, resume and cover letter assistance, interview preparation, skills identification, workplace supports, labour market information, and occupational skills training opportunities. Additionally, **Project Hire** also partners with local employers who can provide individual centered workplace training opportunities while receiving a wage reimbursement to offset the cost of training individuals on-the-job.

"Being unemployed can seem overwhelming, especially with the additional strain of COVID. At the same time, we are aware of local businesses who are struggling to find the required workforce to be successful. We believe this partnership of Teamworks' expertise in job search, combined with the expertise and extensive network of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, is an ideal collaboration to support unemployed Albertans as they transition to new work and to assist employers by providing financial support when training a new employee directly at their worksite," says Ryan Miller, Director, Teamworks Career Centre.

"A strong economy is dependent on good jobs and a skilled workforce," says Cyndi Vos, CEO, Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce. "We are pleased to partner with Teamworks to invest in programs that help southern Alberta residents gain the skills they need to secure meaningful employment. A working Alberta is a healthy Alberta."

Individuals and employers who would like more information on this new program can contact Teamworks Career Centre at (403) 382-3770 or find more information at www.teamworktraining.ca.

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