

**Management Response to Recommendations in the  
2007 Final Evaluation of the Eastern Ontario Development Program**

**Recommendation #1 - Consideration should be given to revisiting the EODP funding formula for allocations to CFDCs, so that capacity and socio-economic variables play a role in the allocation of funding. Also, CFDCs should have increased flexibility for allocating funding to secondary recipients among the program components according to the local strategic priorities.**

Response: Agreed. The funding formula will be revisited within the context of the development of the long-term plan outlining the economic development needs and the nature of programming required for Eastern Ontario. **To be completed by March 31, 2009.**

**Recommendation #2- FedNor should continue to work with the CFDCs to improve the process for identification, design and approval of regional and sub-regional projects and should play a more proactive role in this process.**

Response: Agreed. FedNor is currently providing guidance to the EODP Regional Project Review Committee whose mandate is to exchange ideas on ways to improve the process for identification, design and approval of regional and sub-regional projects. **To be completed immediately.**

**Recommendation #3 - Outcome indicators need to be revised and targets aggregated. Data on these indicators (and progress towards targets) should be collected and tracked by CFDCs and reported to FedNor within established reporting cycles to allow for aggregation. Qualitative data should also be collected and linked to quantitative data. (Qualitative data might include: extent to which an outcome is achieved, perceived quality of outputs, mitigating factors or challenges where outcomes not achieved, extent to which an outcome was exceeded.) It is recommended that qualitative input be coded and fields created so that findings can be aggregated and analyzed. FedNor should continue to further incorporate performance data into the management of EODP.**

Response: Agreed. The CFDC Final Report has been revised to collect more outcome data and qualitative data with coded fields. The appropriateness and practicality of establishing aggregated targets for the program will be assessed in the context of a longer-term strategy for future program renewals. Performance data will be aggregated and presented to FedNor management to improve management of EODP. **To be completed immediately.**

**Recommendation #4 - FedNor should encourage CFDCs to target their private sector funding to exporters, firms that substitute for imports, and firms with strong local supplier links. Given the current program objectives, projects that address technology should also be encouraged.**

Response: Agreed. FedNor will encourage CFDCs to target their private sector funding to exporters, firms that substitute for imports, and firms with strong local supplier links. Projects that address technological enhancements will also be encouraged. **To be completed immediately.**

**Recommendation #5 - Should funding levels and funding cycles (i.e., annual) remain unchanged, FedNor should revisit the objectives of the EODP to more closely align with what is realistically achievable.**

Response: Agreed, and to be completed in conjunction with the development of options for a longer-term strategy (see #1). **To be completed by March 31, 2009.**