

## NDP announces plan to train skilled workers

**“We face a serious skills shortage in this country”**

WELLAND, Sept 16/08 - New Democrat Leader Jack Layton attacked Stephen Harper today saying the Prime Minister is the “wrong leader on jobs.”

Layton pointed to decades of neglect by Stephen Harper and his predecessors on the issue of skills training for adult workers.

The New Democrat Leader announced a plan to directly address the skills shortage that is already affecting two-thirds of Canadian employers.

Layton said the New Democrats will commit \$100 million a year for an expanded Canadian Training and Apprenticeship Tax Credit.

The proposal will:

- Provide employers with a better, targeted incentive to do the right thing – invest in training.
- Reform employment insurance for workers and tradespeople to provide greater access to full- and part-time training.
- Work with the provinces and territories to develop a better way to recognize prior learning, including for foreign workers and new immigrants.

“You deserve a Prime Minister who will make jobs for working people a priority in this country,” said Layton. “A Prime Minister who will put you and your family first.”