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Dear Toni:

I hope this is sufficient. It did not seem necessary to stretch it our to four pages if two would do. I regret the loss of the outline on which my notes were written. It was a week of such things and quite frustrating, but, occasionally things do go that way. If there are items or issues that I should add, please let me know. Other wise, it is now in your capable hands.

It has the potential of being quite a good and useful project, and I have already been apprised of a number of reports and studies that are relevant, both inside and outside your organization. Things will start filtering in, but I will not start working until this is confirmed.

Does it help to know that I am the Executive Director of the WITT National Network, and a member of CCLOW? Do you need a CV?

Good luck with fostering it through the system.

With regard,

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## INCOME SUPPORT FOR WOMEN PROJECT PROPOSAL

FROM MARCIA BRAUNDY, JOURNEYWOMEN VENTURES LTD.

## BACKGROUND

In training discussions which have taken place around the country, both informally and under the auspices of organizations such as Women In Trades and Technology (WITT) and Canadian Congress on Learning Opportunities for Women (CCLOW), income support for women undertaking occupational orientation and specific training courses has been a priority area.

With the new initiatives for improved access and emphasis on training under the Labour Force Development Strategy, including apprenticeship, income support for women related to UI benefits, training allowances and supplementary allowances, program and individual eligibility, and SARS need to be reviewed, and appropriate modifications determined.

Some analysis must be made of the access and subsidization of women for the broad range of occupations served by EIC's training system. A review of current studies that have been made by both EIC and community based organizations in the regions re: women's participation in the variety of CJS and fee payer programs needs to be undertaken.

Consideration must be given to the current spcio-economic position of women in Canada which has a significant impact on their income support needs. If the demographic projections relating to the profile of new entrants to the labour force are even 50% accurate, there is a need to provide the appropriate supports to ensure the successful development of a significant portion of our potential human resources. This may or may not mean special initiatives to increase the numbers of women in areas of training where they are underrepresented.

As the current socio-economic position of women in Canada is identified, the impact of federal/provincial labour market policies and programs will emerge. Comments should be gleaned from representative interest groups and recommendations can be made to improve the situation.

To this end, this proposal is being submitted.