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# WORKFORCE WINDSORESSEX RELEASES REMOTE WORK SURVEY

Survey will provide regional employers and workers of all sectors opportunity to make voices heard on remote work in Windsor-Essex

**WINDSOR, ON –** Workforce WindsorEssex, the region's workforce planning board, released a new survey on remote work for local employers and workers to provide their insight into the relevance, benefits, and drawbacks of remote work in Windsor-Essex.

While major industries in the region continue to reopen, remote work occupations are projected to remain an important part of the local labour landscape. Earlier this year, 20% of employers identified their workforce as working remotely. In order to gain an in-depth understanding of how this could look moving forward, Workforce WindsorEssex is providing an opportunity for employers and workers from all sectors to share their opinions and experiences with remote work, whether they currently work remotely or not.

The survey lets respondents describe the relevance, benefits, and drawbacks of remote work in their field, including how much of an impact remote work opportunities could have on their future career path. The survey has two differing streams for both employers and workers in order to gather the most representative data possible, providing important insights into which sectors are continuing to maintain remote workplaces, those who do not, and those who are considering a remote work model. Rather than simply ask respondents if they work remotely or would consider doing so, the goal of the survey is to understand why or why not.

The results of this survey will be released to the public after its conclusion on November 15. The survey can be completed at <a href="https://www.workforcewindsoressex.com/survey/">www.workforcewindsoressex.com/survey/</a>. The survey will be open from October 14 to November 15.

## **QUOTES:**

"The prevalence of working remotely across sectors has certainly increased during the pandemic. Of course, there are challenges in working from home for both the employer and employee and the option is not viable for many sectors and occupations. Workforce WindsorEssex is looking to gain insight on these issues to provide solutions and guidance on career paths."

Tashlyn Teskey, Manager of Projects & Research, Workforce WindsorEssex

# **QUICK LINKS:**

- Visit the <u>Remote Work Survey</u> to provide your input as an employer or worker on remote work in your field: https://www.workforcewindsoressex.com/survey/.
- Workforce WindsorEssex collects local job postings from 48 job boards and employer
  websites to better understand employer demand for talent and to simplify job search via
  our innovative job finding tools: WEjobs board, WEmap jobs, or WEexplore careers.

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#### About Workforce WindsorEssex

Workforce WindsorEssex is a workforce and community development board whose mission is to lead regional employment and community planning for the development of a strong and sustainable workforce. The organization is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

Workforce WindsorEssex is an experienced leader in the development of regional labour market tools, research, guides, and events that create positive change in the local labour market while saving others time and effort. These resources, created in close coordination with employment, education, and industry partners, are designed to help job seekers, employers, students, and educators, as well as the community, make more informed labour market decisions using locally-responsive, data-rich and unbiased resources. To learn more about Workforce WindsorEssex visit workforcewindsoressex.com.