



# Advance Notice –Employer/Business Association Consultation Sessions

## Assessing and Understanding the Public Consultation Process from an Employer’s Perspective

### Where Consultation Sessions will be held:

- **HRM (Bedford)**- *OEA Office*,  
36 Brookshire Court, Bedford, NS, Suite 14  
B4A 4E9
- **New Glasgow**- *Summer Street Industries*,  
72 Park St, New Glasgow, NS  
B2H 5B8
- **Sydney**- *Holiday Inn*,  
300 Esplanade, Sydney, NS  
B1P 1A7

### When:

- September 16, 2015 - **Halifax**  
9:00am-12:00pm
- September 23, 2015 - **New Glasgow**  
1:00pm-4:00pm
- September 30, 2015 - **Sydney**  
9:00am-12:00pm

### Registration

There is no fee to attend.  
If you are interested to attend, please contact

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### Overview for Our Session

Many agencies, boards and groups utilize public consultation to gather feedback and gauge expectations and acceptance by stakeholders, partners and others.

Each year the OHS Division, Labour Standards and/or the WCB issue draft policy or legislation and ask employers to comment.

Employers participation in the system has evolved tremendously over the past few years and particularly with more recent release of a Psychological Injury Policy by WCB, Noise Induced Hearing Loss Policy by WCB and draft OHS Regulation changes.

Is the way consultation needs to be done with employers different now? Are employers being heard by the current consultation process? If not, how do employers want consultation between them and government and WCB to be conducted to develop constructive relationships that create healthy and safe workplaces in Nova Scotia?

The OEA NS invites employers, business leaders, owners and employer business associations to discuss the mechanisms of effective consultation and engagement, including:

- Review of current consultation process implemented by government & WCB.
- Does the current process enhance communication with Employers, and result in desired WSIS system outcomes? If no, what are the gaps in consultation approaches being implemented by government and the WCB?
- Does the current consultation process(es) need to change for employers and employer business groups? If so, what does consultation need to include?

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