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The attached document - Environmental Scanning, Labour Market Information Project 2009 - was prepared for the Police Sector Council as one of the outputs of a project contracted to R Malatest and Associates.

The objectives of the project were to assess the present situation of environmental scanning in the sector, and to inventory and leverage the work already completed or underway to collate a current environmental scan, and to produce a template and process that would enable the Council to potentially prepare/distribute an annual environmental scan to the sector.

The project was overseen by a steering committee of interested stakeholders from police services, government organizations, and researchers within the sector.

This final document was not fully accepted by the steering committee, and was not considered of the quality or depth that would be necessary for broad use. However, the steering committee agreed to release it for distribution and for comment/input to encourage more environmental analysis and future development of a sector-wide scan.

More importantly, although recognizing that many of the large police services and government organizations represented, who had existing scanning processes were not yet ready to abandon their individual efforts at this time; the steering committee agreed that considered a "joint implications assessment" process to be of real value to the sector. The committee agreed to widely circulate and collate responses to a series of key evolving issues identified by the environmental scanning process; and to make those implications widely available to managers and researchers in the sector. That process will get underway in June of 2009.

The steering committee commits this document to your attention and encourages you to provide feedback on the form provided, and to provide input wherever possible to the implications sections highlighted in the document.

All feedback can be sent to Geoff Gruson, ggruson@policecouncil.ca.

We thank you for your interest and participation in our efforts to improve the environmental scanning within the sector.