

CUI Roundtable Breakfast Seminar:

Toronto-NGO Partnerships: Creative Solutions For Addressing Homelessness in Toronto ***January 12, 2006***

Toronto, January 9, 2006 – When temperatures drop below freezing for weeks at a time, questions inevitably get asked about homelessness and the City's role in dealing with this complex problem. Which is why it is important that you come to Metro Hall on January 12 to hear about three creative solutions that promise to make inroads on at least some of the issues around homelessness. The Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI), with funding from the federal government, works with NGOs and the private sector to construct supportive and transitional housing, but also funds a variety of other initiatives aimed at helping people find their way into the workforce. The Transition to Work Pilot is one such project which is working to enhance access of shelter users to employment supports and jobs. The Toronto Enterprise Fund supports the development of social purpose enterprises working with homeless and low-income people, providing work experience, additional income, improved life skills and self-esteem, as well as better connections to their community and the labour force. A third innovative solution is the Social Purchasing Portal, which allows corporations to leverage existing purchasing power to expand business opportunities for suppliers who provide added social value to their community. These companies hire individuals who require further support to enter the workforce and typically provide goods and services such as office supplies, couriers, catering, and promotional materials. Start the New Year on a positive note by contributing to our discussion.

WHAT: The Canadian Urban Institute's **Roundtable Breakfast Series** offers informal debates on the leading urban issues of the day.
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WHO: Presentations, questions and answers - 8:00 am – 9:45 am.
Speakers: **Julie Western-Set**, Policy Development Officer, Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI)
Anne Jamieson, Program Manager, Toronto Enterprise Fund
Peter Frampton, Manager, Learning Enrichment Foundation and Co-Lead of the Toronto Social Purchasing Portal

Introduction: **Phil Brown**, General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, City of Toronto

WHEN: **Thursday, January 12, 2006**
7:45 - 9:45 am

WHERE: **Metro Hall**
Room 308/309, 55 John Street, Toronto, ON

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