



## **Input into NETCO's 2008 Action Plan**

Notes from small-group discussions on establishing a list of priorities on issues of importance to the electrical industry.



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1. NETCO plans on developing policy statements on issues of importance to the electrical industry to drive its advocacy plan. What are the three most important issues that NETCO should address?
  1. Select a facilitator and spokesperson.
  2. Discuss at your table for 10 minutes. (to 11:25 a.m.)
  3. Each table spokesperson reports using the floor microphone.

The following list was recorded on the big screen as the reports were being made. They are not listed in order of importance. They are a summary of all the points raised by delegates at the Symposium on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007.

## Your List of Priority Issues

1. Harmonizing training across Canada
2. Filters put in place for new immigrants to the trade (e.g., ESL, mechanical ability test)
3. Inform all parties on changes to the Red Seal Program
4. Plan for establishing a national training strategy
5. Establish a sustainable funding mechanism
6. Designate a key person to keep it moving forward (e.g., Training Director)
7. Lobby CCDA to institute standard practical testing
8. Establish central database for training information
9. Institute provincial and national interaction between JACs, Local Union Training Centres and NETCO

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10. Standardization of training (curriculum, time)
11. Lobby on standards, protection of the trade, screening protocols, etc.
12. Develop a communications strategy and public relations/promotional strategy
13. Foreign trade credential recognition program
14. Enhance communication & participation by a broader scope of stakeholders
15. Post information on TILMA on Web site
16. Foreign credentials of internationally trained workers
17. Promotion of resources for ongoing journey person skills training
18. Tools for organizations to train apprentices on Essential Skills
19. Lobby for **enforcement** of TQA

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20. Provide a list of standard questions to be used for interviewing apprentices
21. Provide an aptitude test model for those that have not developed their own
22. Develop a program to promote apprenticeship & journeyperson upgrading
23. Literacy, numeracy, immigration, foreign credential, standardization of practices
24. Establish best practices for supervision
25. Contribute to the development of a screening tool for immigrants and a mechanism to address the related learning needs identified
26. Promote consistent curriculum across the country—timing
27. Develop a training model to improve efficiencies that impact personal productivity