

ASTTBC Partners with BC Government in Support of ITTPs

Three (3) contracts have been signed between the BC Government and ASTTBC in support of Internationally Trained Technology Professionals (ITTPs). These projects augment in many ways. Three initiatives completed in 2013 include:

1. Working in BC

This initiative projects forward work completed in 2013 where ASTTBC consulted with 85 employers in BC on their interest and needs as it relates to ITTPs. Two key outcomes: (a) identification of 5 core competencies; and (b) the integration of a log book to help guide and track career development.

In 2014 ASTTBC will:

- * finalize the log book and create an e-portfolio
- * refine the core competencies and set up assessment methodologies

2. India Mutual Recognition Agreement - Phase 1

The purpose of this initiative, as with the Philippines project completed in 2012-2013, is to complete an on-site visit to India to fully assess / evaluate education and training, and, with favourable circumstance, to sign a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) on education standards. ASTTBC will build on the work of Ontario Association (OACETT) when they and others visited India in 2012. For this contract we will:

- * establish contacts in India
- * frame visitation purposes and planned outcomes
- * define the schedule and detail the visitation schedule

The Second Phase will follow and include the visitation, assessment of education and training and signing of a MRA.

3. Foreign Credential Recognition Database

This project promises the development of a new database that will house ASTTBC assessment of foreign credential for the top ten (10) countries from which immigrants come to BC / Canada. ASTTBC will work with other professional associations in Canada to validate, to the extent possible, all entries. Likewise ASTTBC will consult with other associations on the development of the database software. This project will dovetail with a contract between ASTTBC and Economic and Social Development Canada (formerly HRSDC) in which ASTTBC will develop a management protocol for a foreign credential database (IQDB) and validate program assessment note capture within the BC Government - ASTTBC contract.

While not a deliverable of the contract, ASTTBC intends to move methodically toward a publicly accessible web site on which information is posted on the education offered in other countries and our assessment of the credential.

In all elements of this project ASTTBC commits to:

- * open access to the Registrars and others as appropriate in the technology professional associations in Canada
- * changes to the database will be based on an agreed management protocol and, only after appropriate Qualify Assurance measures are satisfied, to introduce changes to the database

The desired outcome is a database of foreign credentials that is managed effectively based on an accepted management protocol and that will be relied upon by the technology professional associations in Canada. Uniform assessment of ITTP credentials will be enhanced and portability of professional credentials in Canada will be reinforced.