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MARINE-SECTOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING TOOLS: CONTRACT SIGNED

The Commission scolaire des Navigateurs was the tenderer chosen by the Working Group mandated to study tenders for developing health and safety training modules on lifting techniques and equipment in the marine sector. The contract was signed in late October and the work is beginning immediately. There is an option to discuss the possibility of converting the training modules for distance training further on in the process. Moreover, pending a special, exclusive agreement, the Navigateurs school board will be able to use the modules for teaching purposes in the context of the DEP in seamanship it will be offering as of January 2018 in conjunction with the Centre de formation en mesures d'urgence in Lévis.

WELCOME ABOARD! 2017: 10TH EDITION

On October 28, the Sectorial Committee orchestrated the 10th edition of Welcome Aboard!, a marine-sector careers discovery day sponsored by the Québec government, our Prestige partner, at the Port of Montreal's new Alexandra Pier. No fewer than 315 participants were on hand for the various activities announced: ship tours, port tours, booths, meetings with marine-sector experts, hands-on simulations, interactive activities and an exhibition.

We were able to count on the presence of various marine-sector initiatives and companies, which ran information booths: Maritime Strategy, Laurentian Pilotage Authority, Groupe Desgagnés, Institut maritime du Québec, Seafarers' International Union of Canada, Montreal Harbour Training Centre and Ocean Group. Those running the booths were asked to prepare activities and workshops to spark visitors' interest and break the ice...a new approach that was successful!

Participants were also able to attend short presentations by marine-sector experts on various topics. Mélanie Leblanc, the IMQ's Assistant Director, Coordinator Student Affairs, talked about the different training programs offered by her institution and said a few words about women interested in a career in the marine industry. Maryse Camirand, Vice-President, Croisières M/S Jacques-Cartier, spoke about marine-sector entrepreneurship, domestic navigation and continuing education. NEAS Captain Louis-René Longchamp discussed his training, the career of ship's officer and voyages to the Arctic. Finally, Christian Demers, Human Resources Director, NEAS, covered land-based marine-sector careers and related trades and occupations.

We would once again like to thank our partners, who made it possible for this event to fully meet our expectations.

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UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS!

Remember to consult our training calendar frequently for information on the various training sessions to be offered in November, December and January!

Note: Registration periods for the different training sessions will begin approximately one month before the activity date. If you have signed up for our mailing list, you will receive the invitations by e-mail.

RESULTS OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FINANCIAL FUNDING AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY TRAINING NEEDS SURVEYS

The annual trainings needs survey was sent to the Quebec Maritime Industry in mid-September and companies had until October 20th to return the completed document to the Sectorial Committee.

Emploi-Ouébec funding:

Of the 40 forms received, 27 companies identified financial assistance needs for regulated marine training. Following the compilation of the results, the Sectorial Committee, in consultation with the Maritime Institute, made a proposal to allocate the financial assistance envelope in the amount of \$206,700, which Emploi-Québec has accepted. The amounts allocated to each company are available until Tuesday January 16, 2018. After this date, the unused amounts will become available for all Quebec maritime companies until the amounts are exhausted.

Quebec Ministry of Transport (MTQ) funding:

The five-year agreement with the Quebec Ministry of Transport for financial assistance for the development of maritime officers is in its final year. For the current year, the planned \$ 50,000 has already been almost fully utilized, reflecting a significant increase in requirements this year. We have made a request to the MTQ recently for additional funds to respond positively to future requests from now until March 31, 2018. We also submitted a project several months ago for a new 5-year agreement for this program. These two requests are under analysis by the MTQ.

NATIONAL EDUCATION FAIR 2017

On October 12 and 13, Camille and Susan were on hand at the National Education Fair (NEF) in Montréal's Place Bonaventure, where they met with many young people who are, or will soon be, making a career choice.



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