



# Issue Update

## Provincial Nominee Program Offers Help

The British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) is an immigration program designed to allow BC to increase the economic benefits of immigration to the province. Where skilled worker shortages are identified, the program speeds the immigration process for individuals with the appropriate skills that have an offer of employment in the province.

The BC PNP is going to some emigration-related events in Europe to promote the program and attempt to identify various types of skilled individuals who may be interested in using the program to immigrate to B.C. Construction will be one of the areas considered.

The BC PNP will be travelling to the following destinations:

Utrecht, Netherlands for "Expat 2005", March 11-12, 2005, a trade fair-type of event focused on presenting options abroad for skilled workers and business people.

Stirling, Scotland for a similar type of event on March 14-15, 2005.

London, England for "Emigrate 2005", March 18-20, 2005, another emigration trade fair.

The expectation is that skilled and experienced trades people of various kinds will be attendance at each of these events. If you have needs for particular types of skilled trades people the BC PNP have offered to convey this information at their seminars and booths set up at the various events. Any information around job opportunities or skill shortages you have that you would like to publicize through these events should be sent to the BC PNP in advance of their leaving for this mission on March 9, 2005.

The BC PNP is an employer-driven program. So, ultimately, if you are to make use of the program to address any skill shortages you are experiencing, you will need to make offers of employment to any qualified candidates that the BC PNP may be able to identify on this mission.

If you have any questions about this mission or the BC PNP in general contact:

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For more information on the BC PNP please refer to their website at:

<http://www.mcaaws.gov.bc.ca/amip/pnp/>

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