

Report to the UNDE Triennial Convention on the Apprenticeship Program

Our National President has again for this mandate appointed T. Mark Miller as the OPI for the Apprenticeship Program, or as the department refers to it – The Apprenticeship and Operational Development Program (AODP).

The program has been funded into 2018, and the various elements have had increases in the amounts of :

	FY 13/14	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	Total
CA	\$3,303,489	\$3,008,871	\$2,735,027	\$2,060,802	\$848,291	\$11,956,480
RCN	\$9,110,998	\$10,319,900	\$8,040,020	\$6,560,269	\$5,466,098	\$39,497,285
RCAF	\$2,029,386	\$1,679,447	\$1,805,643	\$2,028,697	\$1,227,215	\$8,770,388
CMP	\$1,250,640	\$974,059	\$608,306	\$405,810	\$245,407	\$3,484,222
CJOC	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$616,000	\$3,080,000
						\$66,788,375

Of course, money is only half of the battle as the various L1 organizations still have to have the FTEs for these positions and the balance between the SWE and the FTE is precarious at best. Combine that with the ADM IE RP centralization and you can begin to see the size of the problem.

I can say however, that at a now former CMP location, when an Apprenticeship issue was raised to ADM IE – in advance of their takeover, IE was able to resolve the situation satisfactorily. And, IE has made a strong verbal commitment in its LMCC-T to support the AODP. Coming from a Navy Base, I for one am looking for an improvement in support to the program once the RCN devolves itself of its BCEs.

The RCAF has long been a supporter of the program and is more than willing to share all relevant information concerning the program with the UNDE.

The UNDE continues to be a Member of the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum (CAF). We remain at the “Supporter” level, which is lower than our previous “Champion” level, but we are engaged and active regardless. We made this move strictly as a cost saving measure, not for any other reason.

The department is not that willing to engage the various Base/Wings with issue raised, but we continue to try to hold them accountable to their own program.

Respectfully submitted by T. Mark Miller VP/BC and OPI for the Apprenticeship Program