A Collaborative Approach to Understanding Temporary Foreign Workers in a Rural Community

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Outline

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Research Purpose

- Contribute to collaborative, community-based research on TFWs outside major metropolitan regions
- Bridge knowledge gaps and increase clarity regarding TFWs in Brandon
- Encourage and foster multi-level engagement, cooperation and collaboration
- Provide demographic analyses to inform forward-looking programs and policies
Research Interests

- The TFW Program, Recruiting and Hiring
- Retention Rates and Use of the Provincial Nominee Program
- Welcoming Communities, Community Support, and Ethnocultural Organizations
- Foreign Workers’ Experiences and Family Reunification
- Workplace and Community Experiences
- Demographic Shifts, Population Change, and Projections
RDI TFW Dialogue Group

- Multi-perspective forum for community, industry, government, and researchers
- Topic-focused discussion:
  - Settlement
  - Roles and responsibilities
- Discussion papers focus on topic and literature review
- Membership:
  - Citizenship and Immigration Canada, City of Brandon, Manitoba Labour and Immigration, Manitoba Agriculture, Food, and Rural Initiatives, Maple Leaf Foods, Rural Secretariat, Westman Immigrant Services, Brandon Regional Health Authority, RDI
Anticipated Project Outcomes

- Clarity and increased knowledge regarding the TFW program and process in the context of rural immigration
- Increased communication amongst all stakeholders to benefit those in positions of planning and policy making
- Informed demographic analyses and population projections for community and service provider planning
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