**Global Talent Stream**

The Global Talent Stream is one of the pillars of the Government of Canada’s Global Skills Strategy, which aims to drive the growth of innovative firms, thereby enhancing the economy and creating additional jobs. With this initiative, companies in Canada will be able to bring in highly-skilled international workers quickly and efficiently.

The Global Talent Stream will be launched on June 12, 2017. This program will specifically benefit two types of companies: high-growth firms needing unique foreign talent to scale-up and grow; and firms needing highly-skilled foreign talent in occupations on a new “Skills Shortage List.”

The benefits to companies eligible for the program will be three-fold:

* A new dedicated service channel specifically reserved for companies looking to make significant job-creating investments in Canada;
* A two-week standard processing time for eligible temporary work permit applications will be established;
* Removal of the requirement of a work permit for certain short term highly skilled workers (for instance, 30 days or less in a 12-month period) and brief academic stays.