



WHY ARE WE PAYING WORKERS TO STAY HOME WHEN BUSINESSES ARE CRYING OUT FOR WORKERS?

(November 1, 2006) In an Atlantic Business Magazine online discussion forum, AIMS president Brian Lee Crowley challenges the insanity of public policies that act as labour disincentives at a time when businesses are fighting to survive a critical labour shortage. He takes particular exception to Employment Insurance which he says was designed to mop up surplus labour.

“The EI system, for example, still pays people not to work for long periods of the year, especially in seasonal industries, and pays them extra to move to areas of high unemployment, rather than paying them to move to places where the jobs are,” Crowley says.

The full text of Mr. Crowley’s commentary, along with reader responses, can be found online at www.atlanticbusinessmagazine.com.

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