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THE BOTTOM LINE:

[Global Business Accelerator Program](#) was launched on 18 February and will provide financial assistance to Nova Scotia companies who want to work with a business accelerator to help them compete and grow in the global marketplace. The program will contribute 80% towards the cost associated with hiring a business accelerator, to a maximum of \$35,000. [Deadline for application is March 29, 2013.](#)

Effective April 1st, 2013, the [minimum wage in Nova Scotia](#) will increase to \$10.30 per hour.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

Phased in retirement gaining traction. Most people would like to gradually reduce their working hours rather than stop work completely when they retire, according to a survey. [The Star, 28 February 2013.](#)

Not all rock-star employees are cut out to be managers. Only 23% of employees actually want to manage their department. Not all rock-star employees have the skill set to lead their respective department successfully. [Globe and Mail 11 March 2013.](#)

Who gets to leave early at your work? Parents only? Where everyone is eyeing everyone else expecting equality, divisions and grievances can easily arise. [Globe and Mail 21 March 2013.](#)

A new engagement tool. Why conduct exit interviews. [Business Standard 26 March 2013.](#)

If you need information about creating [Job Descriptions](#), [Employee Surveys](#), and [Employee Policies](#), contact a [Human Resources Professional](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Chambers Business Expo. Annual event sponsored by the Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce, the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce and the Saint John Board of Trade. 16 April 2013 at the Delta Beausejour from 4 pm to 7 pm. See the details on the expo's [website](#). Free admission.

Pink Spring. Saturday, 27 April 2013 at the Cunard Centre. For ticket information, please visit the web site for [Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia](#).

KIRA awards. The 15th annual Knowledge Industry Recognition and Achievement awards will be on May 2nd at the Fredericton Convention Centre. For ticket information see the KIRA awards' [website](#).

The **Canadian Progress Club Halifax** will hold the **31st Annual Big Spring Gala & Auction** at the Cunard Center on May 4th, 2013. For ticket information, please contact [Greg Cole](#) or visit the [Big Spring Gala and Auction](#)'s website.

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