Report of Recipient's Progress on Economic Development Assistance Agreement

Province of Nova Scotia

(subsection 5(2) of the Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act, and the Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Regulations)

Under the Act, the Minister is responsible for publishing a report that documents the progress made by a recipient of economic development assistance in meeting the targets or timelines defined in their economic development assistance agreement. Progress must be published on a 6-month cycle and is summarized below for the reporting period for this report, as specified in Part 2 of this form.

Part 1 – Recipient Company Details

Company	Opus Fund Services (Canada) Limited
Fund name	Strategic Investment Funds
Type of assistance	Payroll Rebate
Agreement date	April 24, 2018
Agreement business activities	Payroll investments in Nova Scotia. The establishment of new business in Nova Scotia in the financial services sector.

Part 2 – Reporting Period for this report

A recipient of economic development assistance from the Province of Nova Scotia is required by law to submit a report every 6 months on their progress in meeting the targets or timelines defined in their agreement with the Province. The reporting period for this report is indicated below.

Reporting Period	Due Date	Year
[X] October 1 to March 31	by May 1	2023
[] April 1 to September 30	by November 1	2023

Part 3 – Progress of Recipient for Reporting Period

The following table summarizes the recipient's progress report to the Minister for the reporting period for this report, as specified in Part 2. The information contained in this Table was submitted by the recipient and the recipient is responsible for its accuracy.

	Progress made during		
Targets / Timelines	Reporting Period	Comments	
For the company to have made	Opus continues to progress in	FTE now stands at 63.	
incremental payroll investments in	expanding the number of		
Nova Scotia.	employees.		
To be eligible for an earned incentive,	Gross salaries for the 6 months	Payroll – minimum payroll	
for the payroll investments to be in	Oct 2022 to Mar 2023 was	has been met.	
the range of a minimum of \$180,000	\$2.764 m (excludes bonuses)		
for completed Program Year 1, up to	Full time employees at March	Min FTE – minimum FTE	
a stretch maximum of \$1,800,000 for	2023 is 63.	has been met.	
completed Program Year 5 and a			
minimum of 3 FTEs for completed			
Program Year 1, up to a stretch			
maximum of 30 FTEs for completed			
Program Year 5.			
For the new business to have been	Incorporation was completed on	Opus Fund Services (Canada)	
established in Nova Scotia in the	March 7, 2018.	Limited	
financial services sector.			

Table 2

Part 4 – Status of agreement with recipient at end of this reporting period

The status of the agreement between the recipient and the Province, as determined by the Minister, is:

[] Open - undisbursed
[X] Open - partially disbursed
[] Open - fully disbursed
[] Completed
[] Cancelled / Withdrawn
Amount disbursed- \$227,482.82

Comments (if applicable)

N/A