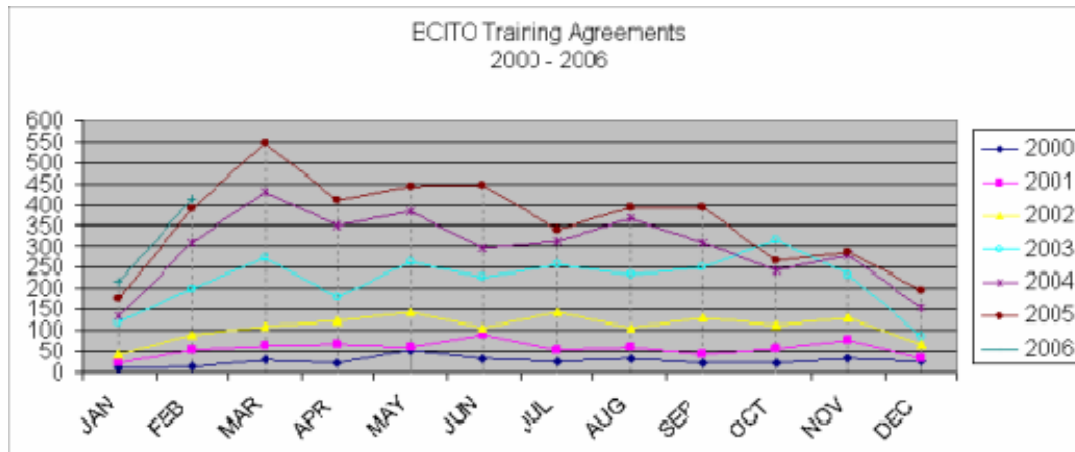


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Tracking to the trend of previous years the first two months of 2006 have shown strong growth in new trainee 'sign ups' for the BCITO – 218 and 415 in January and February respectively. That's a great start for 2006!



2006 'Off-job' Training

The BCITO has a comprehensive off-job training strategy that provides trainees with assistance for the theory component of their qualification.

For 2006 we have contracted 19 providers at 24 venues throughout the country to provide the training – covering some 1650 trainees – at a cost of approximately \$1.6 million (a 46% increase compared to 2005).

15 providers will offer the "Streamlined Programme (a mix of day release and night classes) – 12 providers were contracted to deliver this programme in 2005. Off job training is also provided for specific units of the specialist trades we cover.

We are looking forward to working with the following providers this year; Northland Polytechnic, Unitec New Zealand, Manukau Institute of Technology, G & H Training Limited, Waikato Institute of Technology, Bay of Plenty Polytechnic, Gisborne Development Incorporated, Tumahaurangi Trust – Construction Trade Training Unit, Waiariki Institute of Technology, Taupo Employment Support Trust, Eastern Institute of Technology, UCOL, Weltec, Whitireia Community Polytechnic, Nelson/Marlborough Institute of Technology, Southern Institute of Technology (Christchurch and Invercargill), Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology and Otago Polytechnic.

BCITO AGM – 16 March 2006

The BCITO Annual General meeting will be held on 16 March 2006 in Wellington. 2005 was an outstanding year for the BCITO, achieving 25% growth in trainee numbers (on top of the 27% growth in 2004). We look forward to sharing our 2005 Annual Report with our members and stakeholders.

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