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Educational partnership with SaskPower brings \$250,000 to SIAST Palliser

A 10-year partnership between SaskPower and SIAST Palliser Campus in Moose Jaw has resulted in more than \$125,000 being invested in much-needed equipment for the institution's Electrical Engineering Technology Program.

Today, SaskPower contributed \$28,500 towards the purchase of more industry-standard, state-of-the-art equipment, which provides students with hands-on experience as they learn about the generation, distribution, transmission and use of electrical energy, as well as automated industrial control systems.

SaskPower also supports SIAST through scholarships and awards programs, attendance at Business and Industry dinners, classroom and lunch and learn presentations, co-op employment positions, and assisting with student recruitment. SaskPower's cumulative total giving over the past 10 year period has exceeded the \$250,000 mark.

"Students in Electrical Engineering Technology Program are in high demand in our province," said Warren Michelson, MLA for Moose Jaw North, on behalf of Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Crown Corporations. "This partnership benefits everyone – SIAST, SaskPower, and most of all, the students – who are the foundation to the province's future workforce needs."

"SaskPower recognizes the important role future employers play in the success of post-secondary students," said Dr. Robert G. McCulloch, SIAST President and CEO. "In this case, SaskPower's support allows our Electrical Engineering Technology students to train on state-of-the-art equipment. Ultimately, that support helps ensure that as graduates they're job-ready."

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 13,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws almost 32,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

As the principal supplier of electricity in Saskatchewan, SaskPower serves more than 460,000 customers and manages \$4.5 billion in assets. SaskPower has a team of over 2,500 permanent full-time employees located in 71 communities. Total available generating capacity is 3,620 MW. SaskPower maintains more than 156,000 kilometres of power lines, and also operates wholly-owned subsidiaries NorthPoint Energy Solutions and SaskPower Shand Greenhouse.

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