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Saskatchewan Polytechnic reaches major milestone with Skills for Employment Project in Ukraine

Industry-driven curriculum and new learning resources launched in Kyiv, Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk schools

June 30, 2015 – Saskatchewan Polytechnic has reached a major milestone with its Skills for Employment Project in Ukraine with the publication of 14 new industry-driven business administration textbooks and new learning resources. This project, funded by the Canadian government through Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD), helps business administration programs improve their skills training systems for partner schools in Kyiv, Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk.

“Saskatchewan Polytechnic is pleased to share our expertise in developing employer-driven education for this unique and important project,” says Dr. Larry Rosia, president and CEO. “Employers are partners in everything we do; we find this to be a winning combination. The Skills for Employment Project will help more people receive practical and relevant skills training to work in the private sector. The project has worked to ensure the skills training is accessible to as many people as possible in the targeted communities.”

“Saskatchewan Polytechnic’s experience in developing employer-driven school programming, and building strong institutional partnerships between training institutions and the private sector has been utilized throughout the Skills for Employment Project and been a key factor in its success,” says Angela Wojcichowsky, director, International Projects.

With the guidance of seven Saskatchewan Polytechnic faculty members and external experts, business administration programs developed by the three partner schools are building and leveraging employer relationships to improve practical training and employability of students. Over 70 faculty and school managers have received training and workshops on skills training program development and delivery, employer-driven school management, gender equality and modern teaching methods.

The \$3.49 million [Skills for Employment Project](#) has made a significant contribution to skills training systems in Ukraine. Thirty of the project participants are now published authors of textbooks and learning

resources. These learning resources will be utilized and replicated by many sectors across Ukraine. The project continues until 2016.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 26,000 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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