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SIAST grads find jobs they like

Employment rate surpasses provincial, national average

July 3, 2007 – SIAST graduates enjoy an employment rate of almost 97 percent according to a new survey of Saskatchewan post-secondary graduates. And they like what they do: 93.4 percent say they're satisfied or very satisfied with their current positions.

The employment rate for SIAST survey respondents is above the overall provincial average and well ahead of the national average – approximately 96 and 94 percent respectively.

“The survey results provide an important endorsement of skills training and a technical education,” says SIAST president and CEO Dr. Robert G. McCulloch. “Our students gain marketable skills in one or two years, and employers benefit from access to well-trained, new employees who can contribute immediately.”

The survey indicated that SIAST had a particularly high number of Aboriginal graduates – close to 12 percent, which is consistent with the institution's long-term emphasis on Aboriginal student recruitment and support.

The graduate survey was conducted by the Saskatoon-based firm Inshtrix. It was commissioned by the provincial government's Department of Advanced Education and Employment. The survey, which was the first of its kind in Saskatchewan, involved 2004-05 graduates of all Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions. Results are available at www.aee.gov.sk.ca/graduate-outcomes.

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 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than

28,000 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.

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