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Magna Electric Corporation donation supports SIAS electronics and electrical students

Equipment to aid hands-on learning and transition to workforce

June 23, 2010 – Magna Electric Corporation (MEC) and SIAS announced a significant equipment donation today that will benefit students in the Electrical Engineering Technology and Electronics Engineering Technology programs.

“SIAS values the relationships we have with business and industry,” says Arnold Boldt, SIAS dean of Technology. “This technology will provide students with the opportunity to learn on the equipment currently used in the industry, making graduates more prepared to contribute in their workplace on Day 1.”

The equipment is valued at approximately \$50,000 and includes a 5kV motor starter, 15kV vacuum circuit breaker, 600V breaker and a 15kV fused disconnect switch.

“Magna Electric Corporation is a big supporter of SIAS’s electrical and electronics technology programs,” says Kerry Heid, president of MEC. “In fact, all four of the owners at MEC are graduates of the Electrical Engineering Technology program, and we employ over 30 electrical engineering technologists. Our company is very committed to electrical safety and technical training, and with the donation of this equipment we will allow the students better hands-on access to the equipment that is used in the industry on a daily basis.”

“Magna Electric Corporation’s equipment donation is a generous and welcomed addition to their ongoing support of SIAS,” says Pam McLellan, director of SIAS Donor and Alumni Relations at SIAS. “The company also has an annual awards program for students in the Electrical Engineering Technology program that has been ongoing for 10 years now.” Magna Electric Corporation further supports SIAS through participation in career fairs, providing cooperative education work terms and hiring program graduates.

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 14,000 students were enrolled in SIAST programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 30,000 individual course registrations. Through program and course registrations, SIAST served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every sector of the economy. SIAST 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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