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SIAST spotlights IT opportunities

New business systems diploma program launches this January

November 9, 2007 –SIAST’s Business and Entrepreneurial Studies Division will highlight education and career opportunities in the world of information technology during a special event in Regina next Thursday night.

Keynote speaker Mike Brooks, chief information officer for Viterra, will speak about career opportunities within IT. The event will also showcase Business Information Systems (BIS), a new diploma program that will launch at SIAST Palliser Campus in Moose Jaw this January.

“We’ll share information about some of the latest opportunities in IT, and we’ll show people what they can do to be part of them,” says Dan MacKay, SIAST’s acting dean of Business and Entrepreneurial Studies.

IT professionals, potential students and members of the public are invited to the BIS event:

**SIAST Wascana Campus
Food Court, 1st Floor
Thursday, November 15
7 p.m.**

The two-year BIS program, developed with input from an employer advisory committee, responds to industry needs. Students will train for careers such as business, system or programmer analyst, computer programmer or helpdesk/application support technician. It features a six-month co-op education component, which gives students the opportunity to earn and learn at the same time. Graduates can obtain advanced standing in degree programs at the University of Regina and the University of Lethbridge.

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 11,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which

touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 29,000 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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