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SaskPower Investing in Future Employees

March 1, 2006 - SaskPower and SIAST Palliser Campus are continuing a creative partnership that links education and work.

For the seventh consecutive year, SaskPower has donated funds in support of an equipment purchase for SIAST's Electrical Engineering Technology. This year's \$10,000 donation will be used to purchase four harmonic analyzers, which help to track intermittent problems and power system performance.

"Knowledge obtained by working on this equipment can be directly applied to generators and motors installed at many of SaskPower's power plants across the province. As a major employer of Electrical Engineering Technology graduates, we recognize the importance of providing students with access to the equipment and technology they will use in the world of work," said SaskPower's vice-president of transmission and distribution, Kelly Staudt.

"The SaskPower contribution ensures that our students are educated about, experienced with and trained on the latest high-tech equipment used throughout industry," said SIAST dean of technology, Arnold Boldt. "Not only is the faculty excited about working with the new equipment, but it has sparked the students' enthusiasm and motivation to learn."

The Electrical Engineering Technology diploma program trains students in the generation, distribution, transmission and utilization of electrical energy, as well as automated industrial control systems. The Canadian Technology Accreditation Board (CTAB) accredits this program at the technologist level with the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT).

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 almost 27,000 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.

Information about SIAST is available at www.goSIAST.com.

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