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SaskPower Investing in Future Employees

Recognizing both the need for state-of-the-art equipment and the cost that accompanies it, SaskPower and SIAST Palliser Campus are continuing a creative partnership that links education and work.

Since 1999, SaskPower has contributed financially to equipment purchases for SIAST's Electrical Engineering Technology program. This year's \$15,000 donation has been used to purchase an Electromechanical Training System, which provides students with new opportunities for laboratory observations in the study of electric power technology.

As a major employer of program graduates, SaskPower recognizes the importance of providing students with access to the equipment and technology they will use in their careers. Knowledge obtained by working on this equipment can be directly applied to generators and motors installed at many of SaskPower's power generating facilities across the province.

"Keeping up to date with the latest technology in our engineering technology programs is a challenge," said SIAST dean of technology, Arnold Boldt. "As an employer of many of our electrical engineering technology graduates, SaskPower recognizes the importance and benefit of working with us to ensure that our programs remain technologically current and relevant."

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).

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