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SIAST invites public to strategy consultations

Strategic visioning initiative will guide operational plans

March 20, 2008, Moose Jaw – SIAST will hold stakeholder consultations at SIAST Palliser Campus early next month as part of a strategic planning process taking place across the province.

“Our strategic visioning initiative will help guide the organization as we respond to stakeholders’ changing needs,” says David Walls, SIAST’s senior vice president, academic. “It will help ensure that our operational plans are driven by a shared vision of future social and economic development.”

Consultations include evening sessions to which members of the public are invited. Meetings are also being held with business and industry representatives, student association executives, employees and Aboriginal stakeholders.

The Moose Jaw public consultation will take place April 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Macoun Lounge at SIAST Palliser Campus, Saskatchewan Street and Sixth Ave. NW. Participants should pre-register before March 26 by calling 1-866-467-4278 or by emailing contact_centre@siast.sk.ca.

Walls and Marine Perran, SIAST’s vice president, administrative services, are co-chairs of SIAST’s strategic visioning steering committee. Committee members include Kendra Mounthey, Palliser Students’ Association president and a SIAST board member.

SIAST is Saskatchewan’s primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. Almost 12,000 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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