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SIAST names VP, admin services

Kathryn Beaton served in IT executive positions with Ontario Ministry of Health, IBM

May 16, 2006 – A senior business and information technology executive has joined the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology as vice-president, administrative services. In this newly created position, Kathryn Beaton will provide leadership to human resources, facilities, financial, campus and information technology operations at SIAST.

"We're very fortunate to have someone of Kathryn's calibre join SIAST," says Dr. Bob McCulloch, president and CEO. "Under her leadership, we will integrate our administrative services capabilities, enabling us to seek and respond to new opportunities."

"I'm delighted to have the opportunity to join the leadership team here. SIAST is at the leading edge of post-secondary applied learning, and I look forward to ensuring our administrative capabilities fully support program excellence," says Beaton.

Beaton has spent most of her career in information technology and customer service roles, in both private and public sectors. Most recently, she was chief of business solutions for the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. Beaton also spent several years at Hydro One, holding such positions as corporate chief information officer as well as general manager, customer care and general manager, supply management and metering services. Earlier in her career, Beaton held progressively senior roles with IBM Canada.

Beaton has an undergraduate degree from McGill University in labour relations and economics. She completed an MBA in operations and IT management at the University of Toronto.

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 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.

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