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### **C4i Consultants and Saskatchewan Polytechnic demonstrate emergency disaster management simulation at SUMA**

*Saskatchewan Polytechnic launches specialized, interactive training for emergency response planning and crisis rehearsal*

**February 1, 2016** – C4i Consultants and Saskatchewan Polytechnic demonstrated C4i's Emergency Disaster Management Simulation (EDMSIM) software to delegates of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipality Associations' (SUMA) annual convention in Regina.

EDMSIM is an interactive, computer-based training solution designed for emergency management staff, emergency operation centre personnel, and municipal and civil leadership. It is highly flexible, adaptable and scalable so training can be conducted at local, regional or national levels. In December 2015, C4i and Sask Polytech signed a letter of intent to train leaders and emergency managers to prepare for disasters using the EDMSIM training solution.

"Sask Polytech is excited to demonstrate this interactive technology with SUMA convention delegates," said Dr. Larry Rosia, Saskatchewan Polytechnic's president and CEO. "This training will allow emergency planners to improve communications, validate previously prepared contingency plans and help Saskatchewan communities better prepare for emergency disaster situations, should they arise."

C4i developed the EDMSIM software in 2005 and has had clients within the US Army, US National Guard, NATO, Centres for Disease Control as well as a number of other states and municipalities. This is the first time their software has been used in an applied academic environment. EDMSIM training enables the implementation and validation of previously prepared procedures and contingency plans.

"This is our first agreement with a post-secondary institution and Sask Polytech is the perfect fit," says Bruce Gilkes, C4i's president and founder and Sask Polytech alumnus. "C4i is a great match with Sask Polytech's applied learning and experiential learning model. Designed specifically for emergency management staff, emergency operations centres and civil leadership, any type of disaster and response can be modelled."

C4i Consultants' vision is to make the world safe through training and technology. Areas of expertise include award-winning custom software development, system integration, training solution development, and mission command and simulation solutions. C4i's customer focus is commercial and government organizations at all levels and covers the energy, defence, public safety and homeland security sectors.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 27,000 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the

organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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