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SIAS celebrates 50 years of Civil Engineering Technology *Plaque unveiling to commemorate anniversary*

Friday, November 7, 2008 – Past and current students, staff and faculty will join industry supporters and other dignitaries in celebrating 50 years of Civil Engineering Technology in Saskatchewan this weekend.

Dr. Bob McCulloch, SIAS president and CEO, is looking forward to the celebration. “This is truly a landmark celebration,” he said. “This anniversary is a show of respect and deep appreciation to all of those people, organizations and agencies that have contributed to the success of this program. Civil Engineering Technology is one of Saskatchewan’s first technical programs, and SIAS is pleased to be a part of this program’s long and exciting history.”

Moe Zimmerman, one of the evening’s speakers, was a graduate of the first Civil Engineering class at what was then the Saskatchewan Technical Institute (STI). He was the first student president and also spent time instructing in the SIAS Civil Engineering Technology program.

Other alumni and a student currently enrolled in the program will also speak about the program and about changes to the industry.

A number of special presentations will be made during the program, including presentations by the SIAS Palliser Campus student association and the Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians (SASTT). A commemorative plaque will be unveiled.

SIAS 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 SIAS 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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