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SIAST invites public to strategy consultations

Strategic visioning initiative will guide operational plans

April 21, 2008, Saskatoon – SIAST will hold stakeholder consultations at SIAST Kelsey Campus this week 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 Saskatoon public consultation will take place April 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 149/150 at SIAST Kelsey Campus, Idylwyld Drive and 33rd Street. Participants should pre-register by April 23 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. Steering committee members include SIAST employee, board and student representatives.

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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