

## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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### **SIASST, Great Plains College co-host events**

*State-of-the-art mobile lab rolls into town for information sessions*

**Swift Current, May 10, 2010** – Great Plains College and the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIASST) will co-host three events in Swift Current this month to engage prospective students and their parents, and business and community leaders.

"We're very proud of our ongoing partnership with Great Plains College," says Dr. Robert G. (Bob) McCulloch, president and CEO of SIASST. "These events build on that relationship. We will provide information about what's available through our institutions, but we're especially looking forward to engaging in conversations with our stakeholders about their needs and expectations."

"The College has a long history of working in partnership with SIASST to meet labour market needs," says Mark Frison, president of Great Plains College. "This is a great opportunity to showcase both our capacity and flexibility for serving learners, employers and communities."

Event details are:

Business and community leaders reception (by invitation):

Wednesday, May 19, 2010  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Presentations: 5:15 p.m.

Parents' information session (public invited):

Thursday, May 20, 2010  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

School information sessions (by invitation but public welcome):

Thursday, May 20, 2010  
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location:               SIAST Mobile Training Lab  
                              Full Gospel Church parking lot  
                              Corner of Cheadle and 3rd Ave NE  
                              (Southeast of Great Plains College Campus)  
                              Swift Current SK

Great Plains College was created through a merger of Prairie West College and Cypress Hills College on July 1, 2008. Building on more than 60 years of combined experience, the new college aims to enhance economic prosperity and the quality of life of residents of western Saskatchewan through education and training. The college's region encompasses the area bordered by the U.S. to the south, the Alberta border to the west, a northern border including the community of Macklin and the greater Saskatoon area and a final border east of communities including Outlook, Central Butte, Caronport, and Gravelbourg. It serves more than 5000 learners annually in skills training, university, and basic education programs.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 14,000 students were enrolled in SIAST programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 30,000 individual course registrations. SIAST served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every economic sector. SIAST operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides courses and programs via distance education.

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