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SIAS invites public to strategy consultations

Strategic visioning initiative will guide operational plans

April 10, 2008, Prince Albert – SIAS will hold stakeholder consultations at SIAS Woodland Campus early next 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, SIAS’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 Prince Albert public consultation will take place April 15 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the dining room at SIAS Woodland Campus, 1100 - 15th Street East. Participants should pre-register by April 14 by calling 1-866-467-4278 or by emailing contact_centre@siast.sk.ca.

Walls and Marine Perran, SIAS’s vice president, administrative services, are co-chairs of SIAS’s strategic visioning steering committee. Committee members include Jeff Chow, a program head at SIAS Woodland Campus, and Louis Gardiner, a SIAS board member from Ile-a-La-Crosse.

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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