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SIAS sets modest tuition increase

Tuition contributes 11 percent to SIAS budget

May 2, 2011 – Increasing costs, offset by a tuition contribution from the provincial government, have resulted in a tuition increase of just over three percent at the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology.

The increase is due to inflationary pressures and the higher cost of providing services, says David Walls, SIAS's senior vice president, academic.

"Tuition for a SIAS certificate or diploma program is money well spent," says Walls. "Graduates can be out in the workforce with marketable skills in as little as one or two years."

SIAS programs have been in high demand in recent years, with enrolment growing every year for several consecutive years. Nevertheless, some programs still have a few seats available for fall 2011.

After the tuition increase, which takes effect July 1, typical tuition for a 30-week program at SIAS will be about \$3,650. The number of weeks varies by program, but most programs can be completed in one to two years. Tuition accounts for almost 11 percent of SIAS's revenue. Total revenue for the current year is forecast at \$210.4 million.

SIAS 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 15,000 students were enrolled in SIAS programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 25,000 individual course registrations. Through program and course registrations, SIAS served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every sector of the economy. SIAS

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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