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SFL welcomes training announcement

Premier Calvert and Minister of Advanced Education and Employment Pat Atkinson announced today an additional \$22.3 million designated for training opportunities. Saskatchewan Federation of Labour President Larry Hubich called the new funding “a positive investment for the workers of this province. The addition of 2,500 training opportunities for Saskatchewan citizens will encourage young people to put down roots in the province.”

Combined with over \$30 million earmarked for post-secondary capital spending, the money for training is a significant mid-term investment for the province’s labour force.

The Department of Advanced Education and Employment (AEE) also announced the creation of the Saskatchewan Labour Market Commission (SLMC), a multi-stakeholder board to advise government on labour market issues and trends.

The main objective of the SLMC is to provide research, analysis and solutions to government that will help to deal with pressing issues such as Saskatchewan’s labour shortage. AEE will provide \$300,000 in start-up funds for the Commission.

“We look forward to working together with business, training institutions and government to build a long-term labour market strategy that responds to working people’s needs. We hope to see Bill 34 passed this session of the legislature so the SLMC can begin this important work,” added Hubich.

The SFL represents over 93,500 unionized workers from 35 affiliated unions in Saskatchewan.

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