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DUMONT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND SIAST RENEW FEDERATION AGREEMENT

Agreement Ensures DTI will Continue to Deliver Community-Based Educational Opportunities to Métis Communities Across Saskatchewan

On February 11, 2012 the Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) and the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST) will announce the renewal of their federation agreement, which provides for collaboration on matters of academic interest. Under the agreement, DTI, as the training institution of choice for the Métis, offers fully accredited SIAST courses and programs to Métis people in Saskatchewan.

After a comprehensive review by both institutions, the agreement was revised to update and streamline the language of the agreement. The DTI-SIAST Federation Agreement outlines the working relationship between the two organizations, while each remains legally and financially independent. The original agreement between the two institutions was signed in 1994 and has been renewed three times in DTI's twenty-year history.

"The community-based aspect of our programming is critical to the success of our students," notes DTI Director, Brett Vandale. "Combined with DTI's cultural focus, we attract Métis students who might not otherwise participate in post-secondary education. The federation agreement is a necessary tool to ensure Métis people have access to educational opportunities."

"The federation agreement between SIAST and DTI expands the options Métis people have for pursuing post-secondary education in Saskatchewan," says Dr. Robert G. McCulloch, president and CEO of SIAST. "It helps ensure effective use of resources, while at the same time maximizing choice for both individuals and communities."

DTI was created in 1991 as one of the Gabriel Dumont Institute group of companies. DTI is responsible for providing adult continuing education programs and post-

secondary technical education and skills training including certificate, diploma, trades and apprenticeship programs.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's public institution for the development and delivery of post-secondary technical education and skills training.

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