

## Sample Corporate Profile

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### Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology

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<b>Legal Status:</b>	A corporation as established under The SIAST Act of November 6, 1987 by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan
<b>Size:</b>	1,400 employees; budget of \$130 million
<b>No. and Expertise Areas of Associates:</b>	Faculty of 900 academic staff whose expertise includes Agriculture, Rural Enterprise Development, Non Formal Education and Training, Basic Education, Health, Environmental Studies and International Services
<b>No. Years in Business:</b>	15 years
<b>Principal Activities/</b>	<p>Through its four campuses and affiliated nine regional colleges, the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST) is the primary non-profit Saskatchewan institution responsible for delivering career-related education and training for Canadian and international clients.</p> <p>As a community-based educational institute, SIAST relies on a strong relationship with community organizations to underscore the Institute's strong commitment to rural development and provide education and training opportunities that are accessible and relevant to rural labour markets.</p> <p>As the Institute's service area spans 650,000 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of only one million, quality education and training services must be delivered on a modest provincial tax base. As such, SIAST has a unique expertise in delivering cost effective, yet inclusive, skills training systems that integrate and meet the needs of the diverse ethnic, linguistic, cultural and social communities of the province. SIAST's Education Equity programming is a key priority for the institution and helps to ensure the success of women and Aboriginal learners.</p>

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Internationally, SIAST has forged a successful reputation as a project manager and provider of highly-skilled expert assistance in the areas of rural development, cross-cutting institutional and public sector capacity building and employment-oriented skills training.

Over the past decade, SIAST has built a series of key relationships in Vietnam. For example, SIAST partnered with the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) and the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs through the CIDA Modularizing Curricula project (1993-1999) and the Ministry of Construction through the CIDA Short-Term Retraining Project. SIAST also implemented technical assistance to MOET for education and training institutions in “disadvantaged provinces” as part of the Asian Development Bank Lower Secondary Education Project (2003-4).

SIAST is working in a consultative, participatory capacity with the People’s Committee of Tra Vinh province on the Vietnam Canada Community College Project (*see Requirement 4*).

In Asia, the Institute has collaborated with rural institutions in the Philippines, India, Kyrgyzstan, Indonesia, and China to strengthen their responsiveness to multiple stakeholders in the area of rural community education and training, income generation and poverty reduction.

SIAST also has extensive experience in mobilizing technical assistance in Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, the Slovak Republic, and Ukraine to build cost effective rural training systems from a foundation of Communist and former Communist state training systems. Key aspects of this expertise include: i) mobilization and integration of local community and farmer groups within legal and legitimate socialist (or former socialist) parameters and ii) the establishment of effective performance monitoring of training programs to encourage institutional responsiveness to stakeholders.