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TOURISM SECTOR RECOGNIZES NATIONALLY CERTIFIED TOURISM PROFESSIONALS

REGINA and SASKATOON – This month, Saskatchewan’s tourism sector honoured more than 200 new nationally certified tourism professionals and 24 apprentices who recently obtained Journey person status at two special dinners. Professional Recognition Dinners were held on Monday, June 14 at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon and on June 16 at the Delta Regina Hotel in Regina.

The Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council (STEC), a division of Tourism Saskatchewan, administers standards and certification to the province’s tourism sector. Individuals who complete training are nationally recognized across Canada as Tourism Certified Professionals, Tourism Certified Supervisors, and/or Tourism Certified Managers.

At both dinners, STEC acknowledged various Saskatchewan businesses that have demonstrated best practices and a commitment to employee training and development by pursuing National Occupational Standards and *emerit* Professional Certification. The following properties were recognized for supporting an impressive level of staff development and achieving a minimum of 60 per cent staff certified and/or 80 per cent enrolled in nationally recognized certification programs.

Battlefords Tourism, North Battleford
Big Sky Outfitting, Cutknife
Blackmur’s Athabasca Fishing Lodges, Athabasca Lake
Casino Moose Jaw, Casino Services, Moose Jaw
Casino Regina, Regina
CNT Management Group, Regina
Coronach Tourism, Coronach
Greenwater & Marean Lake Outfitters, Marean Lake
K & P Outfitters, Kyle
Lawson Creek Outfitters, Porcupine Plain
Living Skies DMC, Saskatoon
Northern Tourism Region Inc.
Redwillow Outfitting, Carrot River
Saskatchewan East Central Tourism Region
Saskatchewan South East Tourism Association
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Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council, Saskatoon

Saskatoon Folkfest, Saskatoon
Scott Lake Lodge, Scott Lake
Tourism Saskatchewan, Saskatoon/Regina
Uniglobe Carefree Travel Group, Saskatoon
Western Development Museum, North Battleford
Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw
Western Development Museum, Education and Volunteer Department, Saskatoon
Western Development Museum, Marketing Department, Saskatoon
Western Development Museum, Yorkton
Wheeler River Lodge Ltd., Wheeler River
Wollaston Lake Lodge, Wollaston Lake

Over the past year, numerous businesses and organizations in Saskatchewan have worked to meet and exceed customers' expectations by providing employees and managers with *Service Best* training. Various businesses made an extraordinary commitment to service excellence by training a minimum of 60 per cent frontline and managerial staff. Those businesses are:

Adam LeClaire Photography, Saskatoon
Blue Iris Inn, Saskatoon
Capital Cabs 2000, Regina
Clark's Interiors, Saskatoon
CNT Management Group, Regina
Fort Battleford National Historic Site, Battleford
Gieni's Family Restaurant, Nipawin
Gold Eagle Lodge, North Battleford
Government House, Regina
Harbour View Bed & Breakfast, Weyburn
Head for the Hills, Redvers
Husky Car & Truck Stop, Swift Current
Living Sky Casino, Swift Current
Macklin Credit Union, Macklin
Murray's Store, Redvers
Pharmasave 404, Redvers
Prairieland Park, Saskatoon
RCMP Heritage Center, Regina
Redvers Activity Centre, Redvers
Redvers Ag & Supply, Redvers
Redvers Agencies, Redvers
Redwillow Outfitting, Carrot River
Saskatchewan South East Enterprise Region, Estevan
Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council, Saskatoon
Spectra Credit Union, Redvers
Sylvestre's Bed & Breakfast, Redvers
Tourism Saskatchewan, Saskatoon/Regina
Western Development Museum, North Battleford
Western Development Museum, Yorkton

STEC and Tourism Saskatchewan extend congratulations to all of the 2010 honourees, along with best wishes for success and continued achievement in the tourism sector.

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