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CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR FREDERICTON

(Fredericton, NB, March 13, 2018) – Fredericton area employers expect a cautiously optimistic hiring climate for the second quarter of 2018, according to the latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey.

“Survey data reveals that 18 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while three per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Mindy Stoltz of Manpower’s Fredericton office. Another 71 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter, while the remaining eight per cent are unsure of their hiring intentions.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, Fredericton’s second quarter Net Employment Outlook of five per cent is an eight percentage point decrease when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Stoltz. “It is also an increase of three percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating a fair hiring pace for the upcoming months.”

“The second quarter of 2018 is expected to see steady gains for Canadian job seekers,” said Yvonne Tennenbaum, Regional Director for Manpower Canada. “While Canada experienced a net loss of jobs in January, prospects for the upcoming quarter remain strong, led by exceptionally strong growth in Quebec where employers are hiring across multiple sectors.”