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SOLID HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR KITCHENER

(Kitchener, ON, March 13, 2018) – Kitchener area employers expect a solid hiring climate for the second quarter of 2018, according to the latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey.

“Survey data reveals that 35 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while two per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Erica Melarangeli of Manpower’s Kitchener office. Another 60 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter, while the remaining three per cent are unsure of their hiring intentions.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, Kitchener’s second quarter Net Employment Outlook of 25 per cent is a six percentage point increase when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Melarangeli. “It is also an increase of nine percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating an active 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.”