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UPBEAT HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR EDMONTON

(Edmonton, AB, March 13, 2018) – Edmonton area employers expect a upbeat 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 zero per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Randy Upright, CEO of Manpower’s Alberta Region. Another 82 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, Edmonton’s second quarter Net Employment Outlook of 15 per cent is a one percentage point increase when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Upright. “It is also an increase of eight percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating a favourable 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.”