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STEADY HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR ST. JOHN'S

(St. John's, NL, March 13, 2018) – St. John's area employers expect a steady hiring climate for the second quarter of 2018, according to the latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey.

“Survey data reveals that 23 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 St. John's office. Another 73 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter, while the remaining one per cent are unsure of their hiring intentions.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, the second quarter Net Employment Outlook for St. John's is 13 per cent, a 19 percentage point increase when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Stoltz. “It is also an increase of 23 percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating an upbeat 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.”