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#### **OPTIMISTIC HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR RICHMOND/DELTA**

(Richmond/Delta, BC, March 13, 2018) – Richmond and Delta area employers expect an optimistic hiring climate for the second quarter of 2018, according to the latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey.

“Survey data reveals that 37 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while seven per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Richard Plumb of Manpower’s Vancouver office. Another 50 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter, while the remaining six per cent are unsure of their hiring intentions.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, Richmond and Delta’s second quarter Net Employment Outlook of 25 per cent is a six percentage point decrease when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Plumb. “It is also an increase of 10 percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating a healthy 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.”