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#### **STRONG HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR EASTERN TOWNSHIPS**

(Eastern Townships, QC, March 13, 2018) – Eastern Townships area employers expect a strong hiring climate for the second quarter of 2018, according to the latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey.

“Survey data reveals that 27 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while three per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Carla Rodrigues of Manpower’s Montreal office. Another 70 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, Eastern Townships’ second quarter Net Employment Outlook of 20 per cent is a 16 percentage point increase when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Rodrigues. “It is also an increase of 17 percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating an optimistic 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.”