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#### **SUBDUED HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR WINNIPEG**

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

“Survey data reveals that 10 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while seven per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Stepan Arman of Manpower’s Winnipeg office. Another 82 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, Winnipeg’s second quarter Net Employment Outlook of three per cent is a three percentage point increase when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Arman. “It is also a decrease of three percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating a quiet 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.”