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#### **FAIR HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR KINGSTON**

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

“Survey data reveals that 17 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while 10 per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Lisa Macinnis of Manpower’s Kingston office. Another 73 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter.

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