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CONSERVATIVE HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR VICTORIA AND CAPITAL REGION

(Victoria, BC, March 13, 2018) – Victoria and Capital Region area employers expect a conservative 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 Richard Plumb of Manpower’s Vancouver office. Another 70 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter, while the remaining four per cent are unsure of their hiring intentions.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, Victoria and Capital Region’s second quarter Net Employment Outlook of nine per cent is a five percentage point decrease when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Plumb. “It is also a decrease of three percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating a modest 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.”