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SASKATCHEWAN CONSTRUCTION SAFETY ASSOCIATION

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Message from Your SCSA President

This year, the Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association (SCSA) celebrated 20 years of industry-driven commitment to safety as an association. In conjunction with this very special celebration, we hosted an evening of honour gala to formally recognize 20 notable leaders in the building construction industry. We honoured them for their vision and commitment to helping building our association and address the economic, social, and other impacts of preventable injuries and fatalities on Saskatchewan worksites. We took this occasion as a time to recognize their accomplishments and recommit to fulfilling our shared goal of making devastating human losses in the construction industry a thing of the past.

Over this last year, we have seen more companies turn safety into their strategic asset to gain a competitive edge. Companies are increasing in their confidence to deliver projects on time, and on budget, with fewer work interruptions caused by minor or major injuries on their worksites. Employees, companies, and customers

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are not only seeing the financial merits of operating safer companies, they are demanding it! Whether it's a consumer considering a renovation or building project, or a procurer scoping out work for a major infrastructure project, the question of whether a contractor has a strong safety management system in place, including one that meets national standards: Certificate of Recognition (COR™), is becoming more commonplace.

The 2015 year was both a challenging and positive time of growth for your SCSA and its industry members. Despite the fluctuations in business activity from the industrial, commercial, and residential sectors, payroll for the building construction industry as a



whole is still expected to reach a record \$2.26 billion – more than *five times* what it was only 15 years ago! We are already seeing brisk activity in the construction industry with some of the largest infrastructure investments in our province's history, including the \$1.88 billion for the Regina Bypass project and the \$285.2 million for the Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

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With the increased demand for highly professional and efficient labour in the Saskatchewan building construction industry, recruiting, retaining, and protecting our skilled workers has become more important than ever. In the past year alone, the SCSA has doubled its efforts to continually improve in the areas of program development and promotion, attracting and developing our talent, and expanding our partnerships to better serve a continuously growing industry. This summer, we opened a new and much improved office and classroom space in Saskatoon, allowing us to be more effective in delivery of services to our members and clients.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year where we can continue to serve and assist you in becoming a more efficient, profitable, and safer company by protecting your most valuable asset: your workers.

Stay safe and all the best,

Collin Pullar
SCSA President