

## 2Q18 Local News Release

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### **MODERATE HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR CALGARY**

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

“Survey data reveals that 11 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while six per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Randy Upright, CEO of Manpower’s Alberta Region. Another 80 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter, while the remaining three per cent are unsure of their hiring intentions.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, Calgary’s second quarter Net Employment Outlook of eight per cent is a three percentage point increase when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Upright. “It is also an increase 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.”

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### **UPBEAT HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR EDMONTON**

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

“Survey data reveals that 18 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while zero per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Randy Upright, CEO of Manpower’s Alberta Region. Another 82 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, Edmonton’s second quarter Net Employment Outlook of 15 per cent is a one percentage point increase when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Upright. “It is also an increase of eight percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating a favourable 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.”

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### **MILD HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR RED DEER**

(Red Deer, AB, March 13, 2018) – Red Deer area employers expect a mild 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 five per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Randy Upright, CEO of Manpower’s Alberta Region. Another 80 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter, while the remaining five per cent are unsure of their hiring intentions.

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