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Saskatchewan's 2019 Supply Chain Week, May 12 to 18: Recognizing the Importance of Supply Chain Work to Saskatchewan's Economy

May 9, 2019 – SASKATOON – The fifth-annual Saskatchewan Supply Chain Week will be observed from May 12 to 18, 2019, through a proclamation of the Government of Saskatchewan.

Supply Chain Week focuses attention on the essential work done by people in the supply chain sector at all levels and in all functions and industries. Saskatchewan's skilled and knowledgeable supply chain labour force enables the province's economic prosperity and growth.

The week is also a time to celebrate contributions in the supply chain of underrepresented groups in Saskatchewan, including women, minorities and Aboriginal people.

A number of events to promote and showcase work in the sector will take place during Supply Chain Week. Among these events is the SCMA Saskatchewan Networking Forum & Tradeshow, which will be held on May 15th at the Delta Regina and the Saskatoon Transportation Club Awards Banquet and CITT Afternoon Learning Event which will be held on May 14th at the Saskatoon Sheraton Cavalier. Also, on May 13th the Saskatchewan Industrial & Mining Suppliers Association (SIMSA) and the International Minerals Innovation Institute (IMII) will host a lunch presentation at the Saskatoon Inn on the Gender Equity in Mining Works Saskatchewan project. More information on Supply Chain Week events is available online at www.scma.com/SupplyChainWeek.

Quotes:

Effective supply chain management is vitally important to the health of Saskatchewan's economy. Only efficient, adaptable, and agile supply chains managed by strategic professionals can respond and adjust quickly to constantly evolving market and economic conditions. Supply Chain Week is a fantastic opportunity for people in supply chain to talk about the important work they do, why they love it, how it's challenging and always-different. It is also a great opportunity to build awareness of supply chain careers. This critical work is still not well known for its collaborative, high-tech, problem-solving nature. Without supply chain workers at all levels, nothing would move into or out of the province.

- Nicole Burgess, Executive Director, SCMA Saskatchewan

Our efforts to diversify and encourage continued growth of our provincial economy are dependent on having access to an innovative, entrepreneurial supply chain. Fortunately for Saskatchewan, we have one, comprised of competitive businesses and skilled supply chain management professionals who are essential to enabling economic development. Supporting our supply chain reinforces our key sectors across Saskatchewan at the community level, where it matters most.

- Saskatchewan Minister of Trade and Export Development, Jeremy Harrison

CITT is very excited to be taking part once again in this celebration of supply chain, logistics, and transportation professionals. Over \$1 trillion of goods are moved around Canada annually, and the expertise of the people in the sector is the most important input to the lifeblood of the Canadian economy. A core part of our mandate at CITT is ensuring the continued development and recognition of supply chain professionals in the public and private sphere – which is why we enthusiastically support the vision of Supply Chain week.

- Pina Melchionna, President & CEO, CITT

Supply Chain Week brings together fellow colleagues, business partners, innovators and entrepreneurs and is a great opportunity to learn more about our province's products and solutions – as well as those who get them to or from markets, around the world. With Saskatchewan's exports steadily increasing, and valued at over \$31 billion for 2018, our products clearly have a place in other foreign markets as well. If you are involved in any aspect of transportation or logistics, it would be a great opportunity to see first hand the impact that Saskatchewan products, people and businesses have globally.

- George Eckel, President of the Saskatoon Transportation Club

Supply chains are largely invisible to most citizens because they work so well most of the time. Saskatchewan Supply Chain Week is an opportunity to celebrate the vital work of the dedicated professionals who keep Canadian trade moving.

- Bob Ballantyne, President Freight Management Association of Canada

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About SCMA

The Supply Chain Management Association™ (SCMA™) is the voice of Canada's supply chain, representing and serving more than 6,000 professionals across the country, as well as the wider supply chain community. SCMA is a federation, with a national secretariat and 10 provincial/territorial Institutes. Its mission is to "provide leadership to the Canadian supply chain community, provide value to all members, and advance the profession." Through its education, advocacy and resource-development initiatives, the association endeavours to advance its vision, to see that "Canadian supply chain professionals and organizations are recognized for leading innovation, global competitiveness and driving economic growth." Its Supply Chain Management Professional (SCMP) designation is Canada's most-sought-after professional designation for those entering the field and advancing as leaders in supply chain.