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Support for Skills Training

Apprenticeship:

- **\$1.544M increase for the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) to purchase an additional 300 training seats over those provided in the 2012-13 budget. This employer-demand driven program ensures that there is a skilled workforce to meet existing and future labour market demand and meets the Plan for Growth commitment to add 300 training seats in 2013-14.**
- **\$119,000 increase for the Apprenticeship Training Allowance which provides income support to the increased number of individuals who are taking the training.**
- **\$900,000 increase to support increases in living allowances that are provided to individuals receiving provincial training allowance.**

Skills Training

- **The budget provides \$21.4M for Youth and Adult Skill Training, an increase of \$500K from 2012-13. This funding supports industry led training at Regional Colleges, SIAST, SIIT and DTI that addresses the needs of Saskatchewan business and industry in the areas of greatest labour market demand. This funding includes \$150K to increase support for the Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Program at SIIT.**

Support for Immigrants

- **\$9.2M for transfers in support of immigrant settlement programming, an increase of \$1.5M from 2012-13.**
- **This funding provides immigrants with settlement and integration services including access to resources and services through newcomer centers, language training, retention initiatives and international qualification recognition.**
- **This is in line with the Plan for Growth commitment to increase support for recent immigrants.**

Essential skills training and increasing employment opportunities for First Nations and Métis people

- **Economy will provide \$32M to support First Nations and Métis initiatives in 2013-14.**
- **This includes \$29.9M for programs and partnerships with training institutions and CBOs to increase aboriginal participation and success in the labour force, \$1M (as part of a total \$3.5M) for the 2014 North American Indigenous Games in Regina, and \$1.5M to support First Nations and northern peoples' participation in the forestry sector.**

New investments in labour market programs that benefit First Nations and Métis people include:

- **Adult Basic Education:**
This budget provides an increase of \$1.5M to provide foundational skills for employment and further training for First Nations and Métis people. This investment into the ABE program will begin work toward the Plan for Growth Commitment to eliminate the wait list for ABE by 2015.

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Quick Skills Employment Development

- **\$1.5M to fund initiatives intended to accelerate essential skills training and increase employment opportunities for First Nations and Métis people. These initiatives are specifically designed to address the labour and skill needs of employers by establishing a connection between employers, training institutions and Aboriginal job seekers.**