1. Introduction

Saskatchewan is embarking upon a bold, innovative new approach to economic development by creating a special operating agency, the first of its kind in Canada, to bring together representation from all sectors of the economy to formulate strategy and prescribe action to propel the province forward on a sustainable growth agenda, leading to enhanced wealth and prosperity for Saskatchewan residents.

Enterprise Saskatchewan (ES) will be the focal point for establishing broad partnerships involving all levels of government, industry, labour, Aboriginal people, post secondary institutions, and other stakeholders dedicated to the goal of sustained economic growth. Enterprise Saskatchewan and the collective partnerships will advance provincial economic development goals, strategies, and clear measurable targets for economic performance. In collaboration with industry and other partners, and with support from Executive Council, ministries, agencies, and Crown corporations, action will be taken to achieve the economic performance targets, encourage economic growth, and enhance the competitive position of our Province.

“Enterprise Saskatchewan will be organized and based on the key sectors of our economy. Its job, through sector participants, will be to identify, develop, and monitor competitive advantages and disadvantages in each sector and prescribe action. Reports will be public, and will add to the accountability of this and future governments when it comes to our stated objectives of being among the most competitive business climates in the country. In short, its role is to continually push the competitive envelope.”

Premier Brad Wall

Sector Teams will be pivotal in helping to position Saskatchewan as a region internationally recognized as being competitive, investment friendly, enterprising, and entrepreneurial.
2. Goals
Government and all partners in economic growth will work collaboratively to promote prosperous, growing, and sustainable sectors through recommending policies and actions that:

- Reduce and remove disadvantages and barriers to growth
- Build on sector advantages
- Enhance competitiveness and productivity
- Encourage business creation, attraction, retention, and growth
- Increase adoption of new technology and processes
- Diversify and build the value-chain to strengthen clusters
- Reduce skills gaps and labour shortages
- Accelerate Aboriginal participation in all sectors
- Increase exports of goods and services
- Identify infrastructure challenges

Saskatchewan will be seen as a jurisdiction of choice for living, working, investing, and operating a business in the key sectors.

3. Sector Team Mandate
Through the Enterprise Saskatchewan Act, Sector Teams will be established to in the following sectors of Saskatchewan’s Economy:

- Agriculture
- Agri-Value
- Alternative Energies & Environmental Industries
- Arts & Culture
- Biofuels and Bio-Products
- Commercialization and R&D Services
- Construction & Land Development
- Co-operatives
- Energy
- Financial Services
- Forestry
- Home Building
- Information Technology
- Life Sciences and Biotechnology
- Manufacturing
- Minerals
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Transportation and Logistics
- Other sectors as may be prescribed at a future date.

Sector Teams will provide a new forum to enhance industry government communication and collaboration in developing policies to build on competitive advantages and reduce barriers to growth to ensure that the province’s key economic sectors grow and flourish. The Sector Teams will help to clarify the roles of government and other partners in growing each sector. Sector Teams will identify goals and performance measurement indicators, and monitor and report on progress in achieving those goals.
While Enterprise Saskatchewan will play a lead role in facilitating economic growth, it will build on the existing work of various partners including industry associations, economic development organizations, agencies, ministries, and other stakeholders.

Each sector is unique, with some sectors having effective industry associations and existing industry-government partnerships. Enterprise Saskatchewan Sector Teams will collaborate with these organizations on common interests, building on, rather than duplicating efforts. Enterprise Saskatchewan also will work closely with other ministries and agencies that have key sector responsibilities to coordinate the Sector Teams.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

The Sector Teams will be accountable for identifying and reporting on the barriers to growth, making recommendations to remove barriers, prescribing prioritized action, and reporting on the progress on an annual basis.

Each Sector Team, with support of Enterprise Saskatchewan staff, will:

- provide recommendations and advice for the removal and reduction of barriers to economic growth and the enhancement of competitive advantages;
- define a common long-term vision;
- identify action plans based on the unique characteristics of each sector, and with consideration of existing research and strategic planning work that has already been done by other sector partners and associations;
- establish, measure, monitor, and report on performance indicators;
- report on progress to the ES Board; and
- re-evaluate goals and activities on an annual basis.

**4. Sector Team Members**

The sector teams will be comprised of approximately seven to nine members from their respective sector. These members:

- Will effectively represent their sector;
- Have a demonstrated track record of working collaboratively;
- Have proven leadership abilities;
- Understand economic development and factors influencing economic growth, particularly in their specific sector;
- Are innovative and forward looking;
- Have a variety of management skills and expertise;
- Balance corporate responsibility with economic growth;
- Will come from a mix of large and small business;
- Are clearly recognized by their peers as representatives for a sector; and
- Will wherever possible include members of Saskatchewan’s Aboriginal community.