



Sault College News Release

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Sault College Partners with Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic in Bridgetown Barbados



(Sault Ste. Marie, ON December 12, 2013) Sault College is extremely pleased to announce a very exciting International partnership with the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic (SJPP) in Bridgetown Barbados.

As part of a large Canadian Government commitment to the Caribbean region, the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) will fund the Sault College – SJPP partnership \$440,000 over the next two years to collaboratively develop training to support the growing Renewable Energy Industry in Barbados and throughout the Caribbean. The Project is supported by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

The progressive partnership between Sault College and SJPP is one of 6 partnerships beginning this year under the DFATD’s Caribbean Education for Employment Program. Sault College was selected by the SJPP over several other colleges across Canada.

“We are very happy to have been selected by the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic for this project due to our recognized excellence in delivering training that meets the needs of the

workplace and our highly skilled faculty and staff,” says Dr. Ron Common, President of Sault College.

Recently, a team from Sault College visited the SJPP team in Barbados to learn more about the Institutions goals, strengths, project expectations and challenges.

“SJPP’s goal is to become the leading Institute in the Caribbean Region for Renewable Energy Training. The experience and expertise Sault College has gained over the last several years in this area will assist in meeting this goal,” says Colin Kirkwood, Dean, School of Environment, Technology and Business at Sault College.

The two Institutes will work together over the next few months on developing a detailed project plan and implementation will begin in April 2014. “We will be planning and implementing key activities such as labour market analysis, curriculum development, teacher training, facilities and equipment enhancements as well as student and faculty exchange between April 2014, and March 2016,” says Ted Newbery, Chair of Continuing Education at Sault College.

“This is a very exciting project that will bring long term benefits to both institutions and we are very excited about building a long term relationship with one another,” says the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic of Barbados. “The passion, commitment and openness the Sault College team has shown has been very impressive and we know that this Canada-Barbados partnership will be a mutually rewarding one,” they added.

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About Sault College

The vision of Sault College is to provide a transformative life experience through empowering those who study with us to think and learn in progressive, innovative ways, including those we have not yet imagined. Sault College grants Ontario College certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, graduate certificates, and degrees to its graduates. The College is the largest deliverer of apprenticeship training in all of Northern Ontario. Sault College has ranked 83.8% in Student Satisfaction, the highest score for a

Northern College and second highest score overall in the province. Educating over 3,900 students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$158 million. Over \$2 million dollars in scholarships, bursaries and awards are distributed annually to students at the College. Located on the border to the United States and situated in the middle of three of the largest great lakes on the planet, Sault College is one of 24 publicly-funded colleges in the province of Ontario. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca to learn more.

In photo: Sault College representatives with Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic

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