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### **Merit Contractors Pleased with Budget's Focus on Infrastructure**

Merit Contractors Association of Saskatchewan today congratulated the Government of Saskatchewan on releasing a provincial budget that continues to make major investments in capital infrastructure projects.

"We were concerned the government was going to pull back on capital construction projects due to fiscal restraints," Merit Contractors Executive Director Karen Low said. "By moving forward with all of these projects, the government is demonstrating they recognize we need to keep building to meet the needs of our growing population and our contractors are ready and willing to get this work done."

Low said their association is also pleased with continued focus on the importance of education and training, particularly in the skilled trades.

"Finding skilled labour remains a significant issue for our members and the additional Apprenticeship Training seats and funding for the Training Allowance in this budget is welcome."

Low said today's budget is generally good news for her members.

"There are no tax increases for our businesses and we have a four year infrastructure capital construction plan that our contractors are eager to participate in," Low said.

MERIT Contractors Association of Saskatchewan is the voice of Saskatchewan's open shop construction sector, which consists of 80% of contractors in the province.

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