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Project SEARCH Reverse Job Fair: Connecting employers with candidates who have developmental disabilities

Winnipeg, MB. - Project SEARCH Winnipeg, a school-to-work transition program led by SCE LifeWorks, will hold its third annual Project SEARCH Reverse Job Fair on **Thursday, May 2, 9:00 am - 11:00 am/Homewood Suites by Hilton, 1295 Ellice Avenue**. Project SEARCH is a 10 month initiative that provides high school students and young adults with developmental disabilities the skills and experience needed to be successful in the workplace.

Students gain these skills through partnerships with Project SEARCH site hosts: Manitoba Hydro, the Government of Manitoba and HSC Winnipeg and are ready to begin working upon completion of the Project SEARCH year, which ends in June. The Fair is organized for the ease of employers as business reps can, on a "come and go" basis, be introduced to 20 students who could qualify for positions they hire for in areas such as:

- **Food services** – food prep, plating, serving customers, dishwashing
- **Material handling and warehouse** – picking/packing orders, shipping and receiving, stocking,
- **Retail** – stocking, customer service, cash handling
- **Facilities** – lighting/extinguisher checks, furniture moving/set up/tear down, meeting room set up, light cleaning and maintenance
- **Fleet services/Parts department** – parts picking, inventory control
- **Housekeeping** – stripping and making beds, cleaning bathrooms, floors and hard surfaces, replenishing supplies
- **Room turnover** – laundering and/or restocking and organizing towels etc.
- **Office work** – data entry, mail processing and delivery, filing, customer service, accepting payments, form processing

"The past two events were very successful and resulted in some great employment opportunities for Project SEARCH students and interns," said Oly Backstrom, President and CEO, SCE LifeWorks. "Many employers leave the event realizing the benefits of diversifying their workforce by hiring people with disabilities"

SCE LifeWorks would like to thank Homewood Suites by Hilton for sponsoring this event. Project SEARCH Winnipeg is the first and only initiative of its kind in Canada. For more information, please visit <http://www.lifeworks.mb.ca/projectsearch.html>

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