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### **SCCD announces new ACAAFS Advisory Group**

Saskatoon (February 26, 2007) – The Saskatchewan Council for Community Development Inc. (SCCD) has appointed a new advisory group for the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Saskatchewan (ACAAFS) grant program. ACAAFS, which is funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, is a five-year program which makes \$3.22 million available annually to Saskatchewan projects that will position Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector at the leading edge to capture new opportunities.

The ACAAFS Advisory Group will be responsible for evaluating projects and providing funding recommendations to the SCCD Board of Directors. The eleven advisory group members include three SCCD board members and members from both Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food. They will meet five times a year, evaluating project applications which request funding of more than \$10,000.

“This advisory group brings a wide breadth of experience within Saskatchewan's agriculture and agri-food sector,” said Garth Patterson, SCCD Chair. “Their knowledge of the sector, and particularly of emerging issues, will be very beneficial to the SCCD Board of Directors. The advice of this group will allow SCCD to make sound funding decisions for projects that will have a significant and long-term effect on agriculture in Saskatchewan.”

The members of the ACAAFS Advisory Group will serve two year terms. The members are:

- Ms. Valerie Pearson – Advisory Group Chair, SCCD
- Mr. Garth Patterson – Advisory Group Vice-Chair, SCCD
- Mr. Murray Purcell – SCCD
- Mr. Amos Skinner – Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre Inc.
- Dr. Paul Fedec – POS Pilot Plant Corp.
- Ms. Connie Kehler – Saskatchewan Herb and Spice Association
- Mr. Keith LePoudre – First Nations Agricultural Council of Saskatchewan Inc.
- Mr. Bill Heinrich – SaskCentral
- Mr. Dayton Funk – Saskatchewan Organic Directorate
- Mr. William Greuel – Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food
- Ms. Brenda Patton – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

The next ACAAFS application deadline is April 16, 2007. Application information is available on the SCCD website at [www.sccd.sk.ca/acaafs](http://www.sccd.sk.ca/acaafs).

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