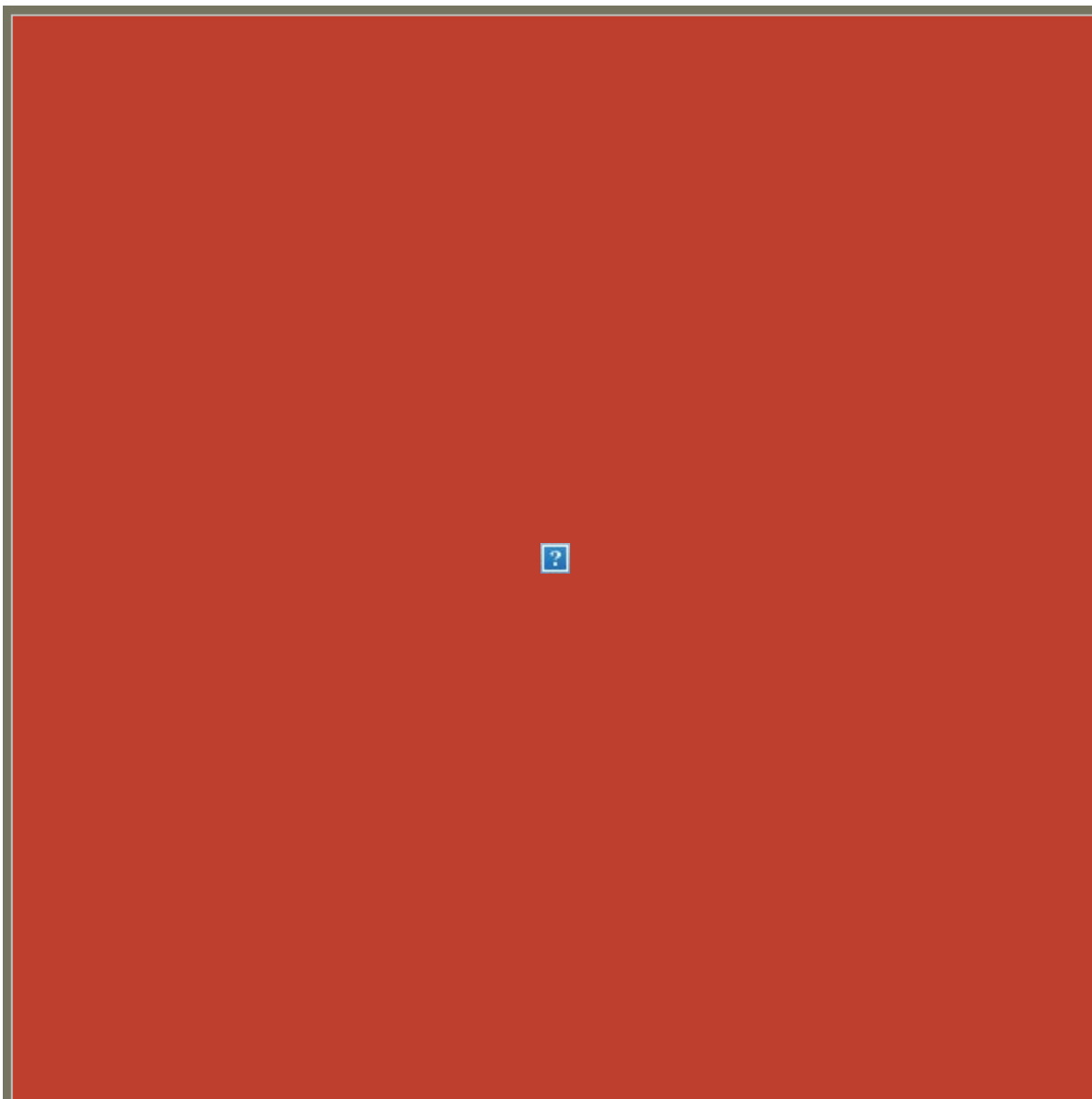


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## Reminders

**Important Details:**

**When:** September 7,  
2022, 13:00-17:30 EDT

**Where:** Virtual Classroom

### 2022 IED Awareness Training Series

Registration is now open for the final virtual session of the 2022 IED Awareness Training Series. **Please be**

**Cost:** Free

**Registration:** [Click here](#)

**Courses covered in this training:**

**Module 1:** *IED Explosive Effects and Mitigation (AWR-337)*

**Module 2:** *Homemade Explosives (HME) and Precursor Awareness (AWR-335)*

**Module 3:** *Protective Measures Awareness (AWR-340)*

**advised that this course is a repeat of the training that was held in 2021.** This training is offered in English only.

Please note that this is a DHS led training session, offered to the Canadian CI through Public Safety Canada. As such, you will first have to register (if you do not have one already) to obtain a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) user ID and password that you will then use to register for the course. The step-by-step instructions on how to register for the training session are contained in the attached document.

Please follow the instructions to register yourself as soon as possible to secure your spot for this training as space is limited.

**Courses covered in this training:**

**Module 1:** *IED Explosive Effects and Mitigation (AWR-337)*

This course details the difference between blast, thermal/incendiary, and fragmentation effects, and describes the consequences on various targets.

**Module 2:** *Homemade Explosives (HME) and Precursor Awareness (AWR-335)*

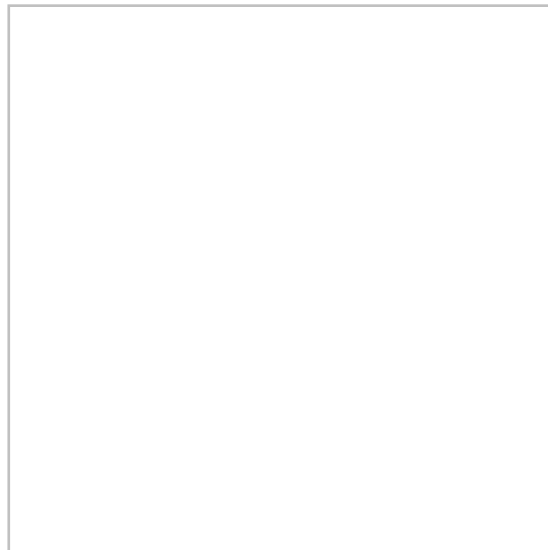
In this course, participants will learn foundational knowledge on homemade explosives and common precursor materials. Participants will also learn to identify common chemicals and materials used in HME attacks.

**Module 3:** *Protective Measures Awareness (AWR-340)*

In this course, participants will learn how to identify and mitigate facility security gaps. This course will provide knowledge about risk management and the three rings of security; physical, technical, and intelligence protective measures.

[Registration Instructions](#)

## Information



## Saskatchewan Announces Affordability Plan

[On August 23, 2022], the Government of Saskatchewan announced a four-point affordability plan to help people address the rising cost of living.

**Point one** of the plan is the Saskatchewan Affordability Tax Credit payment. All Saskatchewan residents who are 18 years of age or older as of December 31, 2022, and who have filed a 2021 tax return as a resident of Saskatchewan will receive a \$500 Saskatchewan Affordability Tax Credit cheque this fall.

**Point two** of the plan is the removal of fitness and gym memberships and some recreational activities from the planned October PST expansion on admissions, entertainment and recreation.

**Point three** of the plan extends the small business tax rate reduction, at 0 per cent retroactive to July 1, 2022 and delaying the restoration of the rate to 2.0 per cent to July 1, 2024. This will help small businesses as they continue to recover from the pandemic, while facing new challenges like inflationary pressures, interest rate hikes and supply chain issues.

**Point four** is the retirement of up to \$1 billion in operating debt.

Information about the Saskatchewan Affordability Tax Credit (SATC) and PST changes is available online at [www.saskatchewan.ca/affordability](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/affordability) and at **Tax Information Updates**. The Ministry of Finance tax information line is 1-800-667-6102 for information on the SATC and PST changes. Individuals can also email [satc@gov.sk.ca](mailto:satc@gov.sk.ca) for information about the SATC.

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## Strong Revenue Results in Budget Surplus, Debt Reduction and Affordability Relief

A strong economy and higher resource prices have meant a significant improvement in the province's finances.

At first quarter, Saskatchewan is forecasting a surplus of \$1.04 billion for 2022-23, a \$1.51 billion improvement from budget, largely due to higher revenue from non-renewable resources.

Harpauer announced a four-point affordability plan, using higher revenue from the resources owned by the people of Saskatchewan to help people address rising costs due to inflation and to reduce the province's debt.

All Saskatchewan residents who are 18 years of age or older as of December 31, 2022, and who have filed a tax return will receive a one-time \$500 Saskatchewan Affordability Tax Credit cheque this fall.

The affordability plan is fully incorporated into the first quarter forecast.

At first quarter, revenue is forecast to be \$19.17 billion, up \$2.02 billion (11.7 per cent) from budget. This increase is largely due to a \$1.86 billion increase in non-renewable resource revenue, reflecting higher potash and oil prices.

At first quarter, total expense is forecast to be \$18.13 billion, up \$508.2 million (2.9 per cent) from budget. The increase is largely due to \$450 million for the one-time Saskatchewan Affordability Tax Credit payments to Saskatchewan residents.

Saskatchewan will continue to have one of the lowest net-debt to GDP ratios among the provinces. At first quarter, net debt as a percentage of GDP is forecast to be 15.6 per cent, compared to 18.8 per cent at budget.

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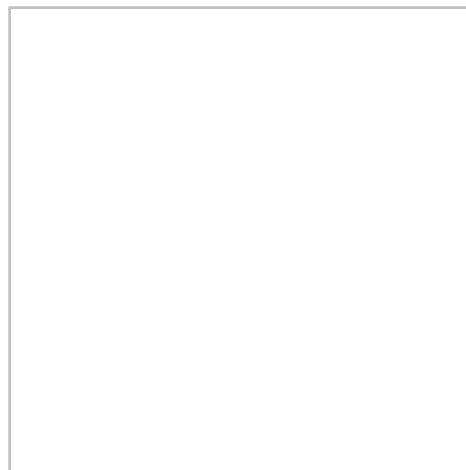
## Second Stage of Procurement Begins for Prince Albert Victoria Hospital

A modified Request for Proposals (RFP) has begun for the expansion

and redevelopment of the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital.

In a modified RFP, a single team who has demonstrated they meet the requirements set out in the earlier Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which was released on December 17, 2021, is shortlisted to move to the next stage of procurement. The shortlisted team qualified to participate in the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital Modified RFP is PCL Construction Management Inc. (Saskatoon, SK).

The Prince Albert Victoria Hospital project involves constructing a new multi-level acute care tower, replacing the adult mental health space, and renovating the existing building.



The Government of Saskatchewan is making a significant multi-year financial investment in this project and is providing 100 per cent of the capital funding, rather than requiring local communities to contribute 20 per cent. Instead, the community will focus on fundraising for furniture and equipment needs for the hospital.

When completed, the hospital will provide people with improved, expanded acute care and mental health and addiction services closer to home, benefiting the growing population in Prince Albert and Northern Saskatchewan for many years to come.

The Prince Albert Victoria Hospital Modified RFP will close in Spring 2023. The results will be announced following the evaluation of PCL's bid submissions.

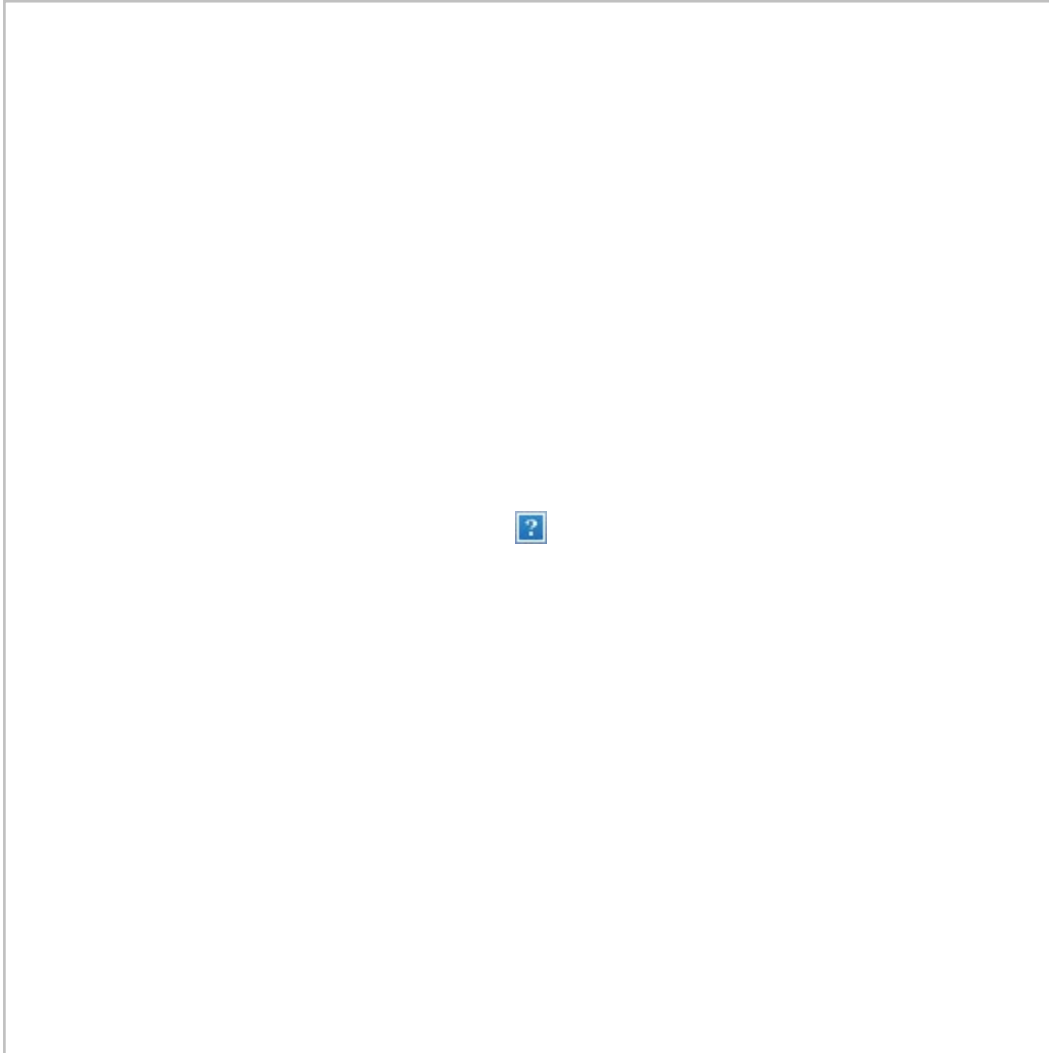
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## CAP Program Deadlines are Fast Approaching

The Ministry of Agriculture is dedicated to providing quality extension to farmers, ranchers and agribusiness across the province. Their team of agriculture program

specialists are your one-stop shop for information, services and programs offered under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) which is a five-year, \$388-million investment by federal and provincial governments ending on March 31, 2023. All CAP programs are designed to help farmers, ranchers and agribusiness innovate, prosper and grow in this province.



There are programs for:

- Wells, dugouts, pipelines, including watering systems;
- Well decommissioning;
- Livestock handling equipment;
- Irrigation development;
- Seeding forages;
- Fencing;
- Variable rate mapping;
- Relocation of livestock confinement facilities;
- Farm business management courses or training activities; and
- Much more!

Application deadline for:

- Any producer who made application for the enhanced funding with the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program need to submit their application by **September 30, 2022**,
- Many of our rebate programs is **March 15, 2023**, and
- Programs that require pre-approval need to be submitted by **December 31, 2022**.

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[Watch Online Program Presentations](#)

## Federal Health of Animals Regulations

On August 25, 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture advised of the Humane transport amendments to the federal Health of Animals Regulations that came into force in February 2022. These amendments focus on training for carriers and define what makes an animal fit for transport.

To learn more about the amendments, visit [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca).



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## 'Harvest For Kids' Health' Program

On Thursday, August 25, 2022, a Saskatchewan agricultural producer gave Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation (JPCHF) a monumental gift of support.

Gene Pidwerbesky, a proud provincial farmer, is humbled to join Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation's family with a contribution of \$1.98 million in cooperation with Saskatoon Community Foundation, in support of a new urgently needed equipment program called, *'Harvest For Kids' Health,*' inspired by Gene Pidwerbesky and



family. This meaningful gift will greatly assist medical teams and provide the latest technology and cutting-edge equipment that is required for specialized health care at Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital (JPCH).

Donations to the Harvest for Kids' Health program will help purchase urgently needed equipment for maternal and pediatric health care at Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital.

Click the link below to learn more about how you can support the Harvest for Kids' Health program.

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