The Letter of Intent between the Government of Saskatchewan and the IBEW announced in September has raised concerns by many ECAS electrical contractors.

While details have yet to be announced, concerns include the potential diversion of focus and funding away from the current provider of training as well as give priority to organized labour (IBEW members) which accounts for a small percentage of construction electricians in the Province.

The current system of **Industry Led** apprenticeship training provided by the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission SATCC is satisfying the demand to train apprentices.
Being an Industry Led system ensures industry has a voice through the Construction Electrician Trade Board to ensure technical training not only meets the needs of employers but also sets up apprentices for successful completion of the Inter-Provincial Red Seal Journeyperson exam. Trade Board members represent organized and open shop contractors, leaving any affiliation at the meeting room door. This inclusive system is working well, altering technical training to accommodate current CEC (Code) requirements and product technical advances.

The Electrical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan is a signatory to a letter of opposition to provide Government funding for IBEW led trades training that is currently being provided by Saskatchewan Polytechnic through the SATCC. We believe any additional funding should be earmarked to satisfy any future demands for additional SATCC training. We are proud of the role our members play in developing industry led curriculum, building the province's workforce and enhancing its economic growth.