

January 10, 2020

The Honourable Melanie Mark
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
Room 133, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Mark:

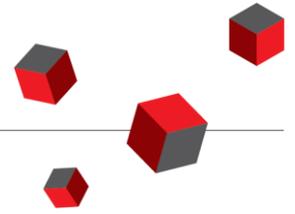
Skills/Compétences Canada (SCC) is pleased to host the 26th Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) at the Vancouver Convention Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia, May 27 to 30, 2020. SCNC is the only national, multi-trade and technology competition open to Canadian students and apprentices. Some of the many highlights include:

- Approximately 7,500 student visitors
- Over 50 Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities
- Over 40 skill competitions representing six sectors: Construction; Employment; Information Technology; Manufacturing and Engineering; Transportation and Service
- Over 550 secondary/post-secondary and apprentice competitors from across Canada
- Qualifying year for WorldSkills Team Canada 2021 to compete at the 46th WorldSkills Competition being held in Shanghai, China
- Skills/Compétences Canada National Alumni Committee annual meeting
- Demonstrate the importance of the [nine Essential Skills](#) with a focus on *Document Use*
- Essential Skills stage: partners can highlight their trade or technology through interactive demonstrations
- Dedicated “Career Zone” where over 60 industry partners will demonstrate their brand or trade through interactive activities
- Networking events attended by corporate sponsors, educators, national and provincial industry partners, labour and government stakeholders
- HGTV celebrities Kate Campbell and Sebastian Clovis will be on site

The Skills Canada National Competition provides a forum for Canadian youth to actively participate in the competition through hands-on, experiential activities related to skilled trades and technology careers. It is through these competitions that Skills/Compétences Canada raises awareness about the skilled trades and technology sectors to Canadian youth and the wider public. We would be delighted if you could join us at SCNC Vancouver 2020! For more information please contact Shaun Thorson via email shaunt@skillscanada.com or by telephone at 343-883-7545 ext. 503 at your earliest convenience.

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It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide us with a bilingual welcome message for our SCNC 2020 Program Guide, along with a color photo. The program guide will be distributed to approximately 1,900 registered delegates. The welcome message should be no longer than 350 words in length. To allow us appropriate printing time, we request the bilingual electronic welcome message and a minimum 300 dpi color photo be submitted to micheler@skillscanada.com by no later than **April 3, 2020**.

We hope that you can join us at the Skills Canada National Competition, featuring Canada's most promising skilled trade and technology students and apprentices. More information about SCNC is available on our website: www.skillscompetencescanada.com.

Sincerely,



Shaun Thorson
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Skills/Compétences Canada



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