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## News Release

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### **New education sector funding for SAMA**

Additional funding over a three-year period will now be made available to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA). The announcement came today from the Government of Saskatchewan in its delivery of the 2004-2005 provincial budget.

Changes have been made to SAMA's funding in response to the Boughen Commission's identification of the need to achieve greater stability within Saskatchewan's property assessment system. These funding changes will help SAMA fulfill its mission to deliver and promote a cost-effective property assessment system that is accurate, up-to-date, universal, equitable and sustainable.

New funding for SAMA will now come from the Department of Learning's budget for education foundation operating grants. The education sector will provide annual funding for SAMA starting with \$750,000 in 2004-05. Over a three-year period (until 2006-07), the education sector will increase annual funding support to \$2.5 million.

SAMA appreciates the provincial government's recognition of the Agency's financial requirements. The new funding from the Department of Learning offers greater stability for the organization and promise for the future, and better service for property owners, the public at large and all those with a stake in the property assessment system.

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