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## **News Release**

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### **MUNICIPAL DELEGATES TO GATHER AT SAMA'S 2004 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) is holding its 2004 Annual Meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Saskatoon.

Representatives from municipal governments and school boards throughout the province will meet by 9:30 a.m. at the Centennial Auditorium to hear rural, urban and educational reports from SAMA's Board of Directors. The Chief Executive Officer will deliver an administrative report, and Craig Melvin, SAMA's recently appointed Chair, will provide delegates with a special review that outlines the Agency's future direction.

"Since joining SAMA on September 1, 2003, I have noted SAMA's dedication to partnerships and progress," Melvin said. "SAMA's partnerships focus mainly on its assessment service to municipalities and school boards. SAMA's progress builds on the past two decades of system updates, especially as the Agency works to modernize its technology and property valuation procedures".

This year's annual meeting will deliver information to delegates and attendees about SAMA's past achievements and future objectives. The SAMA Board elections will also take place.

Topics to be addressed will include: the 2005 revaluation, agricultural and urban land valuation policy, and the Board of Directors' strategic plan -- areas that are critical to SAMA's viability as a service provider, and as an organization committed to fulfilling stakeholder needs.

The Honourable Len Taylor, Minister of Government Relations, and Councillor Donna Birkmaier, representing the City of Saskatoon, will also address the delegates at SAMA's Annual Meeting.

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