## **Education & Training**

## Road mapping Saskatchewan institutions support programs

The IMII held a strategic "road mapping" workshop with its industry, government, academic and other innovation ecosystem members in October 2021. The workshop identified this project as a priority need.

IMII and its members support a number of programs meant to help attract and develop a qualified workforce. However, the program offerings have historically not been coordinated and the degree of overlap and duplication, or gaps in what is being offered, is not known. As the minerals industry is facing increased competition for skilled persons, and particularly those of diverse backgrounds, a baseline is required from which improvements can be developed.

This project will help IMII and its members address the challenge of efficiently and effectively addressing gaps in the local workforce system (organizations and activities that prepare people for employment, help workers advance in their careers, and ensure a skilled workforce) for Saskatchewan's minerals industry as it strives to develop a digitally talented workforce that is more diverse and inclusive and representative of the communities in which the industry operates.

Proponent: IMII

**Project Duration:** May to September 2022

Project Cost: \$10,000

IMII Contribution: \$ 2,500

Mitacs: \$ 7,500

