


July 2, 2026

Executive Director's Message

SIMSA is adding an extensive mental health component to our Protecture Benefits Plan! There will be an online self-screener and monitoring, **extensive** virtual therapy (see below graphic), as well as immersive mental health education for employers. Full details are [HERE](#).




Component 2: Virtual Intensive Therapy

- 8 WEEK PROGRAM INTENSIVE VIRTUAL THERAPY
- 8 HOURS WEEKLY OF PSYCHOEDUCATION & SKILLS GROUPS PER WEEK
- 1 HOUR OF INDIVIDUAL THERAPY PER WEEK
- 12 HOURS OF FAMILY PROGRAMMING
- 10 MONTHS OF AFTERCARE MAINTENANCE
- INTEGRATED EHN ONLINE PLATFORM & APP

WHAT WE TREAT

- Concurrent Addiction and Mental Health (SUD)
- Depression and Anxiety Disorders (MAP)
- Workplace Trauma (OSI)

For Moderate Severity



SIMSA and others have been working with WCB (VP Kevin Mooney) on adding leading indicators to the reported safety data, as well as adding an injury severity index. We have also worked with various SMA member companies at various stages of this work, and there was a presentation to the SMA's safety committee. We are now at the pilot project stage – items are available to use, test, and give feedback. There are also free online training modules for each.

SIMSA held a “Brunch and Learn” event on this on June 2 – a full recording of the event is available from here - <https://youtu.be/PqFAVLeBKlY> and the presentation itself is [HERE](#).

Focus on Leading Indicators

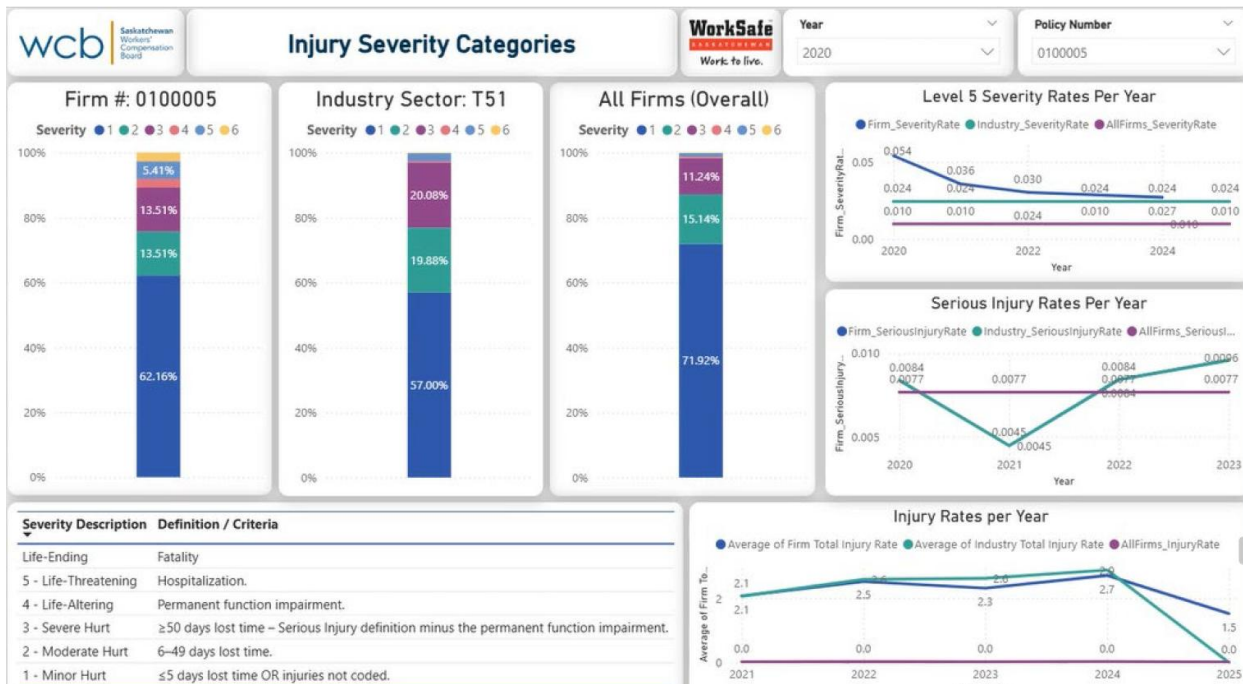
Quality leadership engagement

Quality pre-work planning

Quality observations

High-energy control assessment

Leading indicators to be measured in pilot.



The injury severity dashboard for a company.

Per our AGM announcement, RBC event on financing SIMSA member can now save you a lot on financing via “SIMSA-Fi” see <https://simsa.ca/rbc-financing-program/> So, we hosted a virtual event on June 10 with experts from RBC – see <https://youtu.be/y6NQiRHZNw> - that detailed the fine-print to a program that includes the following:

SIMSA MEMBERS			
Facilities	Purpose	Costs	Terms
Operating Loans	Finance Working Capital	Floating rate of RBC Prime Lending Rate plus 0.5%	Interest only payments monthly
Term Loans	Finance or refinance Capital Assets, including Real Estate. (Typically up to 75% of purchase price)	Floating Rate of RBC Prime Lending rate plus 1%. Fixed Rates determined at time of drawdown. CORRA financing available for amounts over \$2MM	Typically, 1-5 year terms, amortized over 5 years, or amortized up to 25 years for Real Estate
Leasing	Finance or refinance Capital Assets except Real Estate. (Typically up to 100% of cost)	Floating Rate of RBC Prime Lending Rate plus 1%, Fixed Rate option set at time of drawdown. CORRA financing available for amounts over \$2MM	Typically, 1-5 year terms, amortized over up to 10 depending on the economic life of the Asset
Corporate Visa card	Working Capital	Standard Visa Arrangements	Repayment in full monthly
Business Account Services	To operate cash flow	25% reduction in overall costs	Reviewed Annually
Cash Management Services	Assist in maximizing Cash Flow	Standard pricing	Reviewed Annually



Additional Notes:

- Interest Rates quoted represent the maximum spreads above the Prime Lending Rate. Lower rates may be offered subject to each clients risk assessment
- Amounts of facilities can be between \$50,000 and \$50,000,000
- Business Account Services, relate to standard Business Accounts. If a “Packaged Account” provides a better price this will be offered at the posted rate.
- All Credit Facilities are subject to approval based on the RBC risk assessment process.

With short and long-term options that range from \$50,000 to \$50 million, SIMSA-Fi can meet the diverse needs of SIMSA’s members at all levels. This extends from mining to oil and gas and other sectors that can face challenges in finding the required credit.

Speaking of financing and terms, we had follow-up conversations after the release of the payment terms study, with companies such as BHP, Cameco, K+S, Mosaic, Nutrien, and SaskPower. Things are going well with an ongoing dialogue.

BHP Roundtable event will be on Thursday, November 5.

We are in conversation with BDC in regards to the multiple programs they offer for defense supply chain development.

And finally, earlier this month, I attended Cameco’s \$5-billion spent in our north event!

Member's News

[Saskatoon Custom Powder Coating Celebrates 25 Years - Saskatoon Custom Powder Coating](#)

[Preconcentration in Mineral Processing: Spotlight on Ore Sorting and Dense Media Separation at SRC](#)

[Bolt Supply House, Soucie Salo, and Source Atlantic form Canada-Wide Supply Partnership](#)

[Great News! Multicrete Mobile Concrete Batching System in now set up in Snow Lake, MB to support concrete projects in the region.](#)

Advocacy

Eric Anderson is now participating in the Premier's Advisory Council on CUSMA. We submitted a lengthy document on changes and things to keep, that our members need.

Prior to the first Council meeting, Eric Anderson appeared on Global TV interview on CUSMA on June 4 - see <https://globalnews.ca/video/11891703/saskatchewan-prepares-for-cusma-trade-talks/>. The segment they used was on SIMSA members needing stability.



A few days later, on June 6, Eric did another Global TV interview on changes in the Federal Government's treatment of Saskatchewan see <https://globalnews.ca/video/11897399/saskatchewan-separatism-stirs-political-pot/>. The segment they used was that "There has been a seismic shift in the way we are treated. Before they wouldn't return our calls, and now they are calling us."

SIMSA is in conversations with the Federal Major Projects Office on nuclear power developments as well as the need for a new/additional supplier of power transmission towers using non-Chinese steel.

SIMSA is also in conversations with defence procurement on how to do large-scale match-making.

Nuclear

Ontario's Nuclear Build-Out: What It Means for Saskatchewan Suppliers

A wave of Ontario nuclear announcements over the past two months is reshaping Canada's energy landscape, which will open doors for SIMSA members to participate in the Canadian nuclear expansion.

Ontario's Nuclear Momentum Is Accelerating

Since early May, Ontario has delivered one major nuclear milestone after another, reinforcing its position as the anchor of Canada's nuclear renaissance. On May 1, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) set the first structural module, a 2.1-million-pound steel-and-concrete basemat, into place at the Darlington New Nuclear Project, marking the start of construction on what will be the first grid-scale small modular reactor (SMR) in North America. Four BWRX-300 units are planned for the site, with the first unit targeted for commercial service before the end of 2030.

Days later, on May 7, the Independent Electricity System Operator and Bruce Power signed a \$300-million cost-sharing agreement to advance predevelopment work on Bruce C, a proposed large-scale expansion that could make the Bruce site the largest nuclear generating facility in the world. An independent analysis assessed the project's potential contribution at up to \$238 billion to Canada's GDP over its lifetime and roughly 18,900 jobs per year during site preparation and construction.

On June 8, Bruce Power returned Unit 3 to service more than seven months ahead of schedule following a major component replacement that used robotic tools on a reactor face for the first time and set a record for calandria-tube removal. This was delivered through what Bruce Power calls a "Made-in-Canada supply chain." The project's strong performance is expected to return roughly \$150 million to Ontario ratepayers. Quality, safety, and schedule performance are the nuclear industry trifecta, and the execution performance of this project drives political and investor confidence for future nuclear expansion aspirations.

Then, on June 22, the federal government raised the stakes further. Natural Resources and Energy Minister Tim Hodgson unveiled Canada's new Nuclear Energy Strategy, calling for up to ten new large-scale reactors by 2040, construction starting on two of them by 2035, and notably at least one reactor under construction outside Ontario by 2035. The strategy also commits to doubling uranium exports and securing the domestic uranium fuel cycle, and projects the sector's workforce roughly doubling, from about 90,000 jobs today to more than 180,000.

Why This Matters to Saskatchewan and SIMSA members

None of this is happening in isolation from Saskatchewan. In April, SaskPower signed a memorandum of understanding with Bruce Power to draw on Bruce's reactor construction, refurbishment, and long-term operating expertise as Saskatchewan formally evaluates large nuclear reactor technologies, the same expertise Bruce Power is now proving out, in real time, on Unit 3 and Bruce C. SaskPower also maintains a longer-standing collaboration agreement with OPG covering SMR lessons learned, technical resources, and operating experience, positioning both provinces to coordinate suppliers across a future Canadian SMR fleet.

The federal Nuclear Energy Strategy's emphasis on securing the uranium fuel cycle and doubling uranium exports points directly at Saskatchewan, home to the world's highest-grade uranium deposits and the backbone of Canada's nuclear fuel supply. And SIMSA itself is already at the table: SIMSA, alongside the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries and Southeast Techhub, recently received federal support to help Saskatchewan companies build the credentials and connections needed to join the nuclear supply chain — building on SIMSA's existing memorandum of understanding with GEH SMR Canada to support local suppliers as the BWRX-300 moves toward deployment.

Business Opportunities for SIMSA Members

Ontario's projects are generating demand for capabilities many SIMSA members already have. Areas worth watching include:

- **Module and component fabrication:** the scale of work at Darlington and Bruce (multi-ton structural modules, steam generators, fuel channels) requires heavy fabrication, machining, and precision manufacturing capacity of the kind found across Saskatchewan's industrial base.
- **Specialized construction and skilled trades:** refurbishment and new-build projects need welders, pipefitters, electricians, and project-management talent; Ontario's labour market is tight, and Saskatchewan firms with mobile crews are well placed to bid on secondment or subcontract work.
- **Engineering, QA/QC, and environmental services:** both refurbishment and new-build work require rigorous quality assurance, inspection, and environmental management services throughout the project lifecycle.
- **Robotics, automation, and advanced tooling:** Bruce Power's use of first-of-a-kind robotic reactor-face tools signals growing demand for automation and specialized tooling suppliers.
- **Uranium supply chain and fuel services:** as Canada moves to double uranium exports and secure the fuel cycle, mining suppliers, transport, and processing-support businesses stand to benefit directly.
- **Long-term positioning for Saskatchewan's own SMR:** with SaskPower's build decision expected around 2029, suppliers who build a track record on Ontario projects now will be far better positioned to compete when Saskatchewan's own project moves to construction.

Getting Involved

Members interested in pursuing these opportunities should ensure their supplier profiles and certifications are current our member database, explore registration with OPG's and Bruce Power's supplier qualification portals, and reach out to SIMSA to take advantage of our nuclear supply chain initiatives. For example: the Saskatchewan delegation to OCNI Nuclear Industry Day at Bruce Power, September 15–16. **The delegation has been fully subscribed and all 7 spots have been claimed.**

About OCNI Nuclear Industry Day (September 15–16, Bruce Power)

OCNI Nuclear Industry Day is a two-day joint event hosted by OCNI, Bruce Power, and Ontario Power Generation, two of the largest nuclear buyers in the country. **Day 1** features a trade show with 100+ booths and face-to-face access to supply chain leaders, procurement teams, and end users from both utilities, followed by an evening networking reception at the Nuclear Innovation Institute. **Day 2** features utility-led panel discussions and structured B2B meetings with utility representatives.

The Saskatchewan delegation will occupy two booths on-site, giving our member companies and the membership a visible, collective presence on the trade show floor.

Learn more about the event: <https://ocni-industryday.com/>

Future Opportunities

If you missed out this time, there may be future opportunities to participate in nuclear trade missions and networking events, dependent on SIMSA securing future funding.

Contact SIMSA's nuclear specialist, Grant.Cherkas@simsa.ca, for more information on upcoming nuclear supply chain sessions and qualification support and please let james.bulmer@simsa.ca know if you would be interested in future missions.

New Members

New members to SIMSA from the month of June were:

- [Flatstone Construction](#)
- [Pinchin Ltd.](#)
- [Deloitte Inc.](#)
- [The Bolt Supply House](#)
- [Trane Canada ULC](#)

Upcoming Events

Register for Upcoming Events [HERE](#)

- **Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum (SSEF) – September 29, 2026**
The 12th Annual Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum (SSEF) will be on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at Delta Hotel in downtown Regina, SK. This event is presented by SIMSA and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade & Export Development. And, we are proud to have CAPP as our Presenting Sponsor.
- **SIMSA & BHP Roundtable – November 5, 2026**
Save the Date! The SIMSA & BHP Roundtable will be on Thursday, November 5th at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.
- **Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum (MSCF) – April 14 & 15, 2027**
Save the Date! Co-hosted by SIMSA, the Saskatchewan Mining Association and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade & Export Development, the 19th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum will take place on April 14 and 15, 2027 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.

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