



# SIMSA

Saskatchewan Industrial & Mining  
Suppliers Association Inc

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## Executive Director's Message

We've been busy, so the newsletter was delayed a day. Here's what we've been up to . . .

There will be a big piece of news at lunch, during the BHP Roundtable this week (Nov 6)! This item could have a marked positive impact on most members' bottom-line. As a clue, it's not directly related to BHP but could impact your work with them and every other project you are working on.

BHP is sending a large contingent to the event – about 40 – including their senior leadership and people from SAP/Ariba to explain how to work with them better and use their systems for free.

I had a great conversation last week with [Jessica Simpson](#) of BHP (not the entertainer, but they have met). As the Global Head of Governance and Social Value Procurement, she and I were able to discuss several current issues facing SIMSA members and BHP, and make plans for future initiatives and decisions.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum (SSEF 2025) was a bustling event, with major buyers connecting with Saskatchewan's energy sector's supply chain. The event was held on October 8, 2025 in Regina at the Delta Hotel. It is presented by SIMSA and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade and Export Development (TED). With more optimism for the sector's future in the air, the event was reinvigorated with over 300 people attending the SSEF 2025; where major energy sector buyers presented on their procurement needs and plans for the coming year, to the Saskatchewan supply chain.

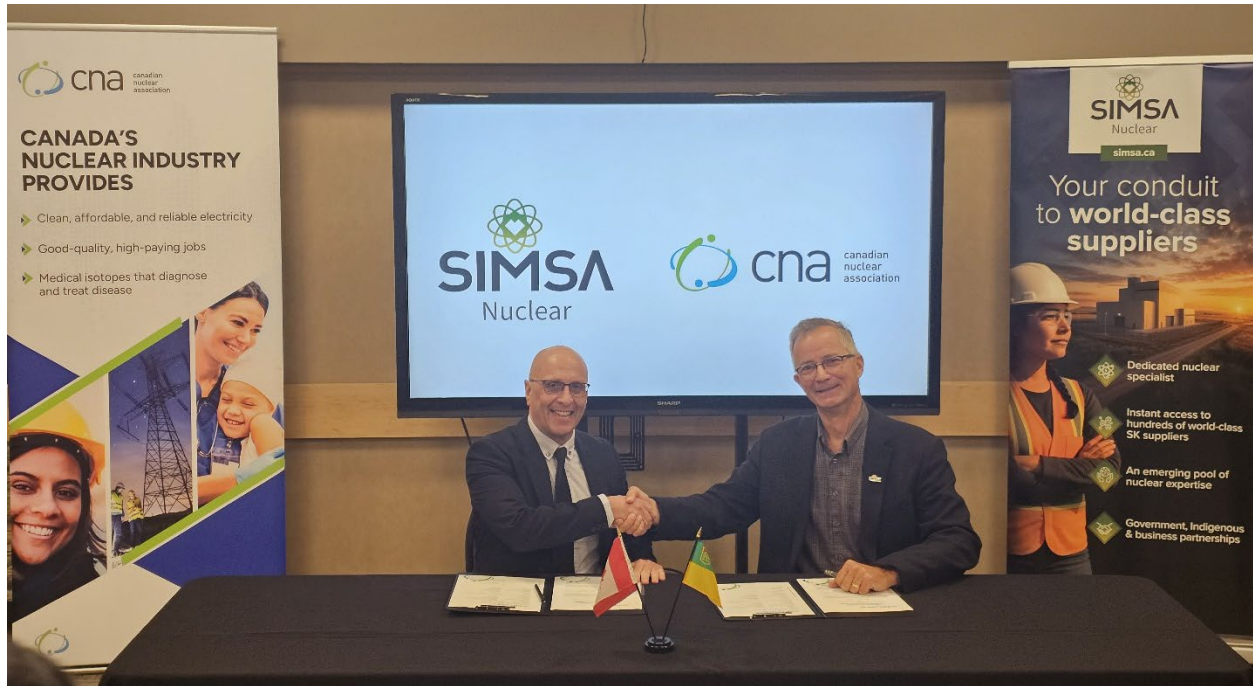


2025 Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum

SIMSA met with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) during the event, to discuss them being more involved in the event. The goal is to attract more producing company participation.

In October, SIMSA met with STEP's new CEO – Chris Lane – to discuss better alignment between the two organisations.

SIMSA proudly signed a memorandum of understanding with the Canadian Nuclear Association at CNA West in October. The two organisations will work together to build a vibrant nuclear supply chain in Saskatchewan, as well as nationally and globally. The CNA's President and CEO George Christidis signed the agreement with SIMSA's Executive Director Eric Anderson.



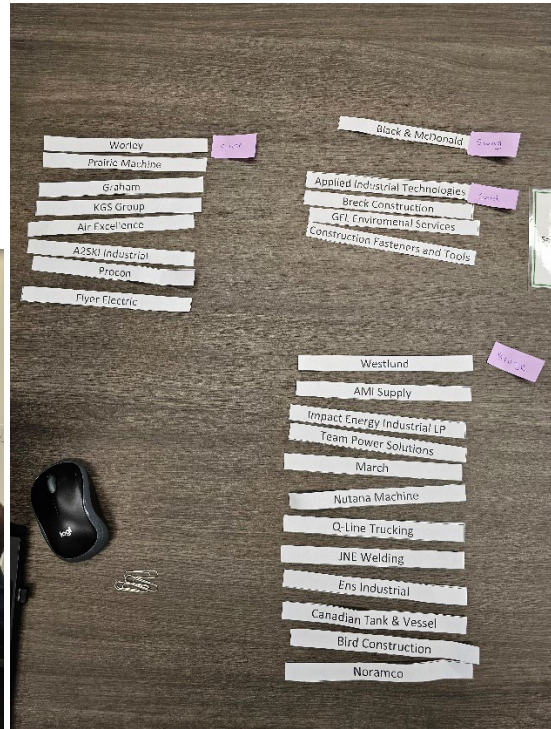
*George Christidis and Eric Anderson*

Also at CNA West, SIMSA's Board was able to try a virtual reality tour of GE's BWRX 300 SMR during a private meeting.



Planning for the 2026 Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum sponsorship is sold-out – all to SIMSA members! We held a lottery last week with actual names drawn out of a hat (well, a box). The next step is ticket and booth sales, which will be sold as follows:

- Tuesday, November 25 – booths and tickets will go on sale to SIMSA members only
- Tuesday, December 2 – all sales are opened up to the general public



*Mining Forum lottery event*

Upcoming is the K+S Roundtable will be on November 16. K+S has graciously paid all the expenses for this event, so it is free to members. We have limited entry to three tickets per member company. Look for further details and agenda in the near future, as well as the K+S attendee list. Registration closes on Nov 12 for this event.



# Member's News

[Falcon Equipment Becomes Authorized Western Canadian Shuttlewagon Dealer](#)

[Xylem Unveils High-Head Pumping Solution That Simplifies Mine Dewatering](#)

[SRC Delivers \\$657M in Impacts to Provincial Economy in 2024-2025](#)

[Sask Polytech and Peter Lucas Develop AI-Powered Tool to Pinpoint Gravel Deposits](#)

[New RESPEC + waterStrider Partnership Strengthens Mine Water Management Offering with Site-Specific, Low-Input Treatment Technologies](#)

[STC Industrial Group wins 2025 ABEX Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award](#)

[Kings Energy Group - Understanding Winter Diesel: What You Need to Know](#)

## Advocacy

SIMSA proudly hosted the GEMs information launch on October 14<sup>th</sup>! The Government of Saskatchewan is launching a new system called GEM that will modernize and streamline procurement processes. GEM introduced new procurement features, as well as a Supplier Portal that can be used to submit proposals electronically to competitions, view contracts and other procurement documents, and message government procurement contacts. During this session, we also walked through the procurement bidding process and outline all the benefits for suppliers that the new system will provide.

On October 28, Eric Anderson moderated a Government procurement Panel at “The Building for Growth: 2025 Procurement Forum,” which revealed how Saskatchewan is making significant investments to support its growing population – and how members can participate.

The forum provided an opportunity to learn more about major infrastructure plans related to construction, engineering, and manufacturing services by the province. Attendees had the chance to gain insights into how to do business with Crown Corporations, ministries, municipal governments and educational institutions.

During the panel session, I was also able to ask key questions from the supply chain perspective in front of the assembled suppliers. SIMSA was also a sponsor of this event.



*Government procurement panel*

Eric Anderson participated in a Prairie Sky webinar entitled “Powering the Prairies: Saskatchewan’s Nuclear Future” with Minister Jeremy Harrison, and the CAN’s CEO George Christidis, on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Initiatives like this strengthen SIMSA members’ position in nuclear power developments in Saskatchewan, across Canada, and globally.

LIVE WEBINAR

Your bridge to growth

## Powering the Prairies: Saskatchewan's Nuclear Future

Wednesday, October 15, at 2:30PM MT/CST  
via Zoom

Featuring

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PANELIST

Hon. Jeremy Harrison

Minister of Crown  
Investments  
Corporation, and the  
Minister responsible  
for SaskPower,  
SaskEnergy, SaskTel,  
SIA, and Saskatchewan

MODERATOR

Kevin Doherty

Senior Strategy  
Advisor, Prairie  
Sky Strategy

RSVP at the link provided

SIMSA’s Eric Anderson and Grant Cherkas met with the UK Council General on building supply chain business between Saskatchewan and the UK.

# Nuclear

During the month of October, SIMSA participated in the following nuclear related activities:

1) CNA West 2025, Saskatoon, Oct. 20 to 22

Attended CNA West 2025 in Saskatoon where our Nuclear Specialist, Grant Cherkas, P.Eng. participated on one of the Panels discussing Western Canadas nuclear supply chain opportunities. Panel was moderated by Ivette Vera-Perez, President & CEO, OCNi with panel members Warren Kaeding, Minister of Trade and Export Development, Saskatchewan, Grant Cherkas, Nuclear Specialist, SIMSA and Adrian Davies, VP Supply Chain Management, CANDU Energy. At the conference we networked with potential customers as well as promoted SIMSA member capabilities.

2) SIMSA NRCAN Workshop, Saskatoon, Oct. 23

SIMSA, along with our project partners March Consulting, First Nations Resource Center of Excellence, and Westinghouse, hosted a full day workshop in support of the NRCAN funded project, Enabling SMRs, at TCU Place in Saskatoon. This event was held in conjunction with Saskatchewan Polytechnic and focused on obtaining input from the Saskatchewan supply chain related to the 4 project areas:

- i. Fabrication and Manufacturing
- ii. Fuel Cycle
- iii. Deployment and Construction
- iv. Operations and Maintenance

3) SIMSA cohort program “Supplying the Nuclear Industry”, continuation of our weekly cohort meetings. In October we covered 4 topics:

- a. Codes & Standards,
- b. Selected QA Topics,
- c. Nuclear Pressure Boundary QA – Part 1, and,
- d. Nuclear Pressure Boundary QA – Part 2

Distinguished guest speaker, Rob Williamson from Graham Construction & Engineering contributed to one of our sessions highlighting lessons learned from their ASME N-Stamp certification.

4) NRCAN Funded – Enabling SMRs Project – Continued our support of the project through participation in the Oct. 23 Workshop as well as developing supplier surveys and content for

the report. Project is focused on identify opportunities in the Saskatchewan supply chain related to SMR nuclear projects in 4 key areas:

- v. Fabrication and Manufacturing
- vi. Fuel Cycle
- vii. Deployment and Construction
- viii. Operations and Maintenance

## Member Services

### Is the Nuclear Renaissance Finally Here?

Since its inception, SIMSA's main goal has been clear: create real value for our members. That means helping local suppliers get in front of the big players—whether in mining, oil and gas, or power generation—and showing buyers from outside Saskatchewan, the that local supply chain is world-class.

That's why we've been so focused on bringing major nuclear buyers to the province. Over the past year, SIMSA has hosted supplier tours with GE Hitachi Vernova Nuclear (the team behind the two small modular reactors planned for Estevan in the early 2030s), Westinghouse, and Candu Energy (part of AtkinsRéalis), among others.

The excitement is real. We often hear comments like, "This sounds amazing, but when and how do I actually get a purchase order?" For a while, the honest answer was, "Well, when there is an order to build, but we're certain it's going to happen eventually!"

Well, it's finally happening.

Beyond the Estevan and Ontario Darlington projects (together totaling six SMRs), most of the nuclear work until now has been overseas—like Candu refurbishments in Romania and Westinghouse AP-1000 builds in Eastern Europe. But now, the U.S. is re-entering the game in a big way. The Trump administration has announced over [\\$80 billion USD in new Westinghouse AP-1000 projects and an executive order calling for 10 new large nuclear reactors under construction by 2030.](#)

This surge in activity changes everything. At SIMSA's October 23rd supply chain event and at CNA West, leaders from Westinghouse spoke directly about the enormous opportunities opening up for suppliers. With these announcements, the door for Saskatchewan companies is swinging wider than ever.

**Fun fact:** parts made in Saskatoon were shipped to the Vogtle nuclear reactors in Georgia back in the 2010s.



# New Members

New members to SIMSA from the month of October were:

- [Construction Fasteners & Tools Ltd.](#)
- [Univar Solutions Canada Ltd.](#)
- [Bantrel Co.](#)
- [Metal Connection](#)
- [Anlin Welding & Steel Fabrication Ltd.](#)
- [Norcan Fluid Power Ltd.](#)

# Upcoming Events

Register for Upcoming Events [HERE](#)

- **SIMSA & BHP Roundtable – November 6, 2025**  
SIMSA & BHP Roundtable will be on November 6, 2025 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.
- **SIMSA & K+S Roundtable – November 17, 2025**  
SIMSA & K+S Roundtable will be on November 17, 2025 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.
- **Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum (MSCF) – April 15 & 16, 2026**  
Save the Date! Co-hosted by SIMSA, the Saskatchewan Mining Association and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade & Export Development, the 18th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum will take place on April 15 and 16, 2026 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.

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