

## **Stanley/DeWalt Tool Grant - Part of the Legacy of Skills Canada National Competition at BC Place June 5 – 8**

Vancouver, June 16, 2013 - Skills/Compétences Canada, Skills Canada British Columbia and Stanley Black & Decker today announced the donation of a collection of Stanley and DEWALT tools used at the 2013 Skills Canada National Competition to six schools in British Columbia.

This donation provides students and educators with industry-leading tools that will help ensure that classroom training is relevant to the needs of employers that service Canada's skilled trades industries. Recipients received a package of Stanley & DEWALT tools including cordless power drills, miter saws, scroll saws, and accessories valued at up to \$15,000 for use in their Career and Technology Studies (CTS) labs.

This donation builds upon other provincial and national initiatives being spearheaded by Skills/Compétences Canada and Skills Canada British Columbia to help schools continue to deliver hands-on training and education programs that prepare students for careers in the skilled trades.

"Employers in British Columbia are in dire need of talented, young workers," said Amber Papou, Executive Director of Skills British Columbia. "We hope that this generous donation will attract more youth to successful careers in skilled trade and technology areas."

The six recipient schools of the 2013 Skills Canada – Stanley/DEWALT Tool Grant are:

A.L. Fortune Secondary	Enderby
Blade Runners (Access)	Vancouver
Kelly Road Secondary	Prince George
Mt. Baker Secondary	Cranbrook
Sandwich Technical Education School	Courtenay
Stelly's Secondary School	Saanich

Following the announcement, Stu Rhodes, the Career Counsellor and Apprenticeship Coordinator at Stelly's Secondary School, commented that "We are totally awestruck by the generosity demonstrated by Stanley/Dewalt. We have actually decided to share the wealth a little bit and are working out a plan to share some of the tools with the 3 other schools in our district that offer trade training programs."

## **About Skills Canada - BC**

Skills Canada British Columbia (SCBC) brings together industry, labour, education and government leaders to equip young people with the opportunity and resources to pursue trade and technology careers. Through SCBC, thousands of BC students participate in regional, provincial, national and international skills competitions, and experiential Try-A-Trade® programs. For more information about Skills Canada British Columbia visit [www.skillscanada.bc.ca](http://www.skillscanada.bc.ca), or call 604-432-4229.

## **About Skills/Comp étences Canada**

Skills/Comp étences Canada was founded in 1989 as a national, not-for-profit organization that works with employers, educators, labour groups and governments to promote skilled trades and technology careers among Canadian youth. Its unique position among private and public sector partners enables it to work toward securing Canada's future skilled labour needs while helping young people and aspiring apprentices discover rewarding careers. Skills/Comp étences Canada offers experiential learning opportunities including skilled trades and technology competitions for young Canadians through national and international events, as well as skilled trade awareness programs. Headquartered in Ottawa, Skills/Comp étences Canada is the Canadian Member organization of WorldSkills International. For more information about Skills/Comp étences Canada visit [www.skillscanada.com](http://www.skillscanada.com), or call 877-754-5226.