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Workforce Development Council honors award winners

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor (SDDOL) and its Workforce Development Council recently held a ceremony at the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) state conference to name the recipients of the 2006 WIA awards.

Winners included:

- Outstanding Partnership: Southeast Technical Institute and Joe Foss Alternative High School, Sioux Falls.
- Outstanding Large Business: Kolbert-Pioneer, Inc., Yankton.
- Outstanding Small Business: A-1 Jet, operated by Scott and Tricia Viesmann, Sioux Falls.
- Outstanding Adult Program: Medical Reimbursement Specialist program operated by the Career Learning Center of the Black Hills, Rapid City.
- Outstanding Youth Program: Joe Foss Alternative High School, Sioux Falls.
- Outstanding Adult Participant: Tesha Richards, Mitchell.
- Outstanding Youth Participant: Ashley Hallem, Dell Rapids.
- Outstanding Professional: Viola Richards of the Brookings Area Career Learning Center, Brookings.

The SDDOL and the Workforce Development Council together are able to address today's workforce issues. Their main objective is to plan and evaluate job training and education programs in South Dakota. SDDOL and the Council also assist in the implementation of WIA programs by selecting service providers and evaluating progress toward program goals. Members of the Workforce Development Council represent various business, labor and education interests. In addition to the SDDOL, the Council works closely with the Departments

of Human Services and Social Services; the Office of Career and Technical Education; Tourism and State Development; and other state agencies. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org.