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Workforce Development Council honors Joe Foss Alternative High School

PIERRE, S.D. – The Joe Foss Alternative High School recently received the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Outstanding Youth Program award at the South Dakota Workforce Development Council's (WDC) awards ceremony on Wednesday evening held in conjunction with the WIA state conference. Dave Yost, administrator of at-risk and alternative programs accepted the award.

The Joe Foss Alternative High School in Sioux Falls provides students opportunities they need to make necessary, positive changes in their lives. They serve both the students of the Sioux Falls school district and those choosing open enrollment. All entering students are assessed for WIA eligibility and are provided extensive employment preparation training. In addition to their high school graduation requirements, emphasis is placed on the basic skills needed for workforce success. Over 100 students completed high school graduation requirements during the 2005 – 2006 school year, the equivalent of nearly 1,500 semester credits.

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.