

South Dakota Department of Labor
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501
www.sdjobs.org

Media Contact: Dawn Dovre, 605.773.3101
For Immediate Release: May 1, 2008

Labor Department to host Business Expo

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) will be sponsoring “Business Expo 2008: Solutions from your workforce experts” on Tues., May 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City. Employers and HR professionals are encouraged to attend to learn about today’s workforce-related issues.

“Bringing our workforce experts to Rapid City presents a unique opportunity to all area businesses. They can stop by and get answers to the specific concerns they have. We will have representatives from both Pierre and our local Career Centers available all day,” said Labor Secretary Pam Roberts.

The general session will feature the state’s workforce development initiative, Workforce 2025, and its latest program, Live Dakota. The premiere research results of focus groups conducted to determine Generation Y’s perception of South Dakota career opportunities will be available during breakout sessions. During the general session, South Dakota Career Center services, labor market information and workforce programs will also be covered.

The keynote speaker will be Malcom Chapman addressing transformational leadership and service. Chapman offers consulting and workforce education based on a model he designed, known as *Harvesting the Company Mind*©. This model is a corporate knowledge cycle, which consistently produces information about customer needs.

Breakout sessions are scheduled throughout the day. DOL experts will address employee recognition and retention, unemployment insurance, applications and interviews, and workers’ compensation. In addition, ERISA, COBRA and HIPPA; federal wage and hour information; and discrimination in the workplace will be discussed by professionals.

Additional information is available at www.sdjobs.org. Pre-registration is appreciated; call 605-773-6804. Registration fee is \$35 per person.