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Assistance available for dislocated workers

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Labor (DOL) has many services and programs available to help South Dakota’s workers who have been laid off or lost their jobs due to a business closure.

“Our local offices have seen an increase in traffic of dislocated workers through their doors,” said Secretary of Labor Pam Roberts. “We understand these workers are going through some hard times and want to help them re-enter the workforce as quickly as possible.”

There are 18 DOL local offices throughout the state staffed with employment representatives to serve dislocated workers. DOL staff can assist by:

- Providing information on how to file an unemployment insurance claim,
- Locating current employment opportunities,
- Improving job search skills such as filling out applications, writing cover letters and resumes, and practicing interview techniques,
- Updating basic and occupational skills, and
- Identifying training opportunities for a new career.

“The Department of Labor also has funding available to assist with workforce training programs,” said Secretary Roberts. “A customized employment and training program can be developed for those who are eligible.” The program may include career counseling, job search coaching and training opportunities with local employers, community training programs and technical institutes.

The goal of DOL is to help individuals with job placement and career transition services. Information on available programs is available at any DOL office or online at www.sdjobs.org.