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Labor Department provides assistance for job seekers

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) has many services and programs available to help South Dakota’s job seekers.

“In today’s difficult economy more people are looking for jobs,” said State Labor Secretary Pam Roberts. “The Department of Labor can provide direct assistance to help people get into the workforce as quickly as possible.”

There are 18 DOL local offices throughout the state staffed with employment representatives to help with job placement and career transition services at no charge.

DOL staff can provide assistance in:

- Locating current employment opportunities,
- Filling out applications,
- Writing cover letters and resumes,
- Practicing interview techniques,
- Updating basic and occupational skills, and
- Identifying training opportunities for a new career.

“The Department of Labor has received additional stimulus funding to assist with workforce training programs,” said Secretary Roberts. “We will work to create a customized employment and training program 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.

Information on available programs is available at any DOL office. To view current job openings on the state’s largest job database, visit www.sdjobs.org.