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## **Labor Secretary receives top international honors**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The South Dakota Department of Labor Secretary Pam Roberts has been selected as the 2008 Administrator of the Year by the International Association of Workforce Professionals (IAWP).

This award is not given out by IAWP every year, only in cases where outstanding contributions to workforce development have been demonstrated by a current state administrator, director or secretary of a workforce development entity.

“The Administrator of the Year award is given to individuals recognized for promoting workforce development, influencing legislation and providing outstanding leadership and IAWP support,” said Marcia Hultman, Deputy Secretary of Labor and President-Elect of the South Dakota IAWP Chapter.

Secretary Roberts has played a vital role in the promotion of workforce development programs throughout her 30 year tenure as a State of South Dakota employee. She has held the positions of Chief of Operations, the Commissioner of Personnel, and since 2002, Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Labor.

“Pam’s vision and leadership have directly impacted state and local policy makers, business leaders and state employees,” said Hultman. “Her clear directives have led to tremendous success in serving South Dakota’s citizens.”

The mission statement established by Secretary Roberts is to enhance the South Dakota workforce by providing businesses with employment-related solutions and helping people with job placement and career transition services.

IAWP is a professional association for members who work in public and private workforce development programs. There are over 13,000 members worldwide. Secretary Roberts will be presented her award at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual IAWP Educational Conference hosted by South Dakota in Rapid City on June 14 – 17.