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Summer youth stimulus program reaches target

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) has announced the \$3 million in federal stimulus money for summer youth job training has been obligated. No new applications are being accepted.

“There was an overwhelming positive response from both the business community and our young people,” said State Labor Secretary Pam Roberts. “These dollars were quickly put to excellent use towards meaningful employment opportunities.”

Summer work experiences were created to help less experienced workers ages 14 through 24 establish a work history, gain references, acquire new skills and build good work habits. Prevailing wages are being paid by DOL from the stimulus funds.

“Our experts within the Department of Labor still can help youth find jobs, even if they are not stimulus-related,” said Secretary Roberts. “I strongly encourage anyone seeking employment to see us.”

Through other workforce training dollars, on-the-job training programs and customized skill training programs can be developed with employers to teach workers skills needed on a specific job.

DOL works to provide businesses with employment-related solutions and help people with job placement and career transition services. To learn about available programs and view an office directory, visit www.sdjobs.org.