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## **Workforce Development Council approves common measures**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The South Dakota Department of Labor’s (DOL) [Workforce Development Council](#) met today in Pierre for its quarterly meeting and approved DOL to adopt six common measures as approved by the United States Department of Labor for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) reporting.

Currently, DOL uses 17 WIA performance measures. The six common measures will reduce staff time involved in reporting and eliminate errors.

“The Department of Labor has always traditionally met and exceeded the performance measures,” said Bill Molseed, DOL Workforce Training Administrator. “We will still be held accountable for those measures, but are taking away the laborious process involved in reporting.”

Other Council action included approving 17 businesses for Dakota Seeds funded internships. [Dakota Seeds](#) is part of the [Workforce 2025](#) initiative designed to create new internships and assistantships in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. In Summer 2010, 46 total internships are being funded by \$96,000 from Dakota Seeds.

The Council was formed in 1994 to plan and evaluate [job training and education programs](#) in South Dakota and to advise the Governor on its findings. Another function is to set policy and oversee implementation of the [Workforce Investment Act](#).

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