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Labor Department awards LATI over \$97,000 for green jobs training

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded \$97,868 to Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI) in Watertown as part of a green jobs training grant.

The approved LATI proposal will create energy torque certification training modeled after the national Snap-on certification program. Fifty individuals will be served through an associate degree program, and 100 through the LATI Corporate Education Center’s continuing education.

“The purpose of the grant is to teach workers the skills required in emerging energy efficiency and renewable energy industries,” said State Labor Secretary Pam Roberts. “Lake Area Technical Institute will provide a foundational certification for wind, ethanol, coal and hydro-power generation construction and maintenance.”

All activities must lead to employment and teach competencies demanded by the target sector while supporting participants’ long-term career growth.

“The green jobs training grant will increase the opportunities for unemployed and dislocated workers to move into high-wage and high-growth occupations,” said Secretary Roberts.

South Dakota received \$2.5 million for the State Energy Sector Partnerships and Training Grant authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. To learn more about job training opportunities available through DOL, visit www.sdjobs.org.