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## **Workforce Development Council Approves Internships**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – Two businesses were approved for Dakota Seeds-funded internships today at the South Dakota Department of Labor’s Workforce Development Council quarterly meeting in Pierre.

Dakota Seeds is part of the Workforce 2025 Initiative that is designed to create internships and assistantships in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Funding is available to assist with the wages of employees.

Dakota Seeds provides grants covering up to one-half of a position’s wages, with a maximum of \$2,000 for undergraduate or graduate student internships, \$8,000 for master’s degree students, and \$10,000 for PhD students who are working as research and development assistants.

Employers approved today for grants include:

- Prairie Scientific Innovations, Inc., Sioux Falls – \$10,000
- UltiMed, De Smet – \$2,000

The Workforce Development Council was formed in 1994 to plan and evaluate job training and education programs in South Dakota and advise the Governor on its findings. It also sets policy and oversees implementation of the Workforce Investment Act.

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