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New Member Appointed to Workforce Development Council

PIERRE, S.D. – Governor Dennis Daugaard has appointed a new member to the Department of Labor and Regulation’s Workforce Development Council, Rich Vincent of Aberdeen.

Vincent is the Executive Director of New Tec, Inc. and replaces Pat Lund.

The council oversees the implementation of workforce training programs in South Dakota funded by the Workforce Investment Act and administered by the Department of Labor and Regulation.

“I look forward to the expertise Rich has to offer,” said State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts. “Job training and education programs are important issues to address in growing our workforce, and he has a first-hand understanding of this importance.”

Members represent various business, labor and education interests. A majority of its members are from the private sector. Other members include:

- Chairman Warren Lotsberg, Huron
- Roland Benson, Aberdeen
- Tom Bohnet, Yankton
- Sarah Folsland, Rapid City
- Cal Geis, Belle Fourche
- Randy Hanson, Brookings
- D.J. Mertens, Kennebec
- Wallace Myers, Sioux Falls
- Shelley Stingley, Sioux Falls
- Helen Wegner, Pierre

Council membership also includes representatives of the state departments of Labor and Regulation, Human Services and Education; the Governor’s Office of Economic Development; and the Board of Regents.

The Workforce Development Council was formed in 1994 to plan and evaluate job training and education programs in South Dakota and to advise the governor on workforce issues. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org