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## **Job Training Funding Available for Employers**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation has federal funding available for employers creating on-the-job training opportunities for dislocated workers.

Businesses can be reimbursed 50 percent to 90 percent of the wage rate, depending on the size of the businesses. The reimbursement is to assist with the costs of the training.

“This grant money will provide new opportunities for dislocated workers to upgrade their skills or learn new skills,” said State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts. “Workers get to earn while they learn, and employers will have trained and skilled employees who can be hired permanently.”

Private for-profit and non-profit businesses can participate. Businesses are responsible for providing adequate and appropriate short-term training. They must also strongly consider hiring the workers full time when their training is complete.

Eligible workers for this on-the-job training program include those who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own after Jan. 1, 2008. They must also have been unemployed for the previous 15 weeks.

This National Emergency Grant is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. More information on this program and other re-employment services is available from any DLR local office. A directory is found at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org)