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**Workforce Development Council officer election held**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The South Dakota Department of Labor’s Workforce Development Council (WDC) held an election for new officers at their July meeting. Warren Lotsberg of Huron was re-elected as Chair of the Council and Pat Lund of Sioux Falls was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Council. In addition, Rollie Benson of Fort Pierre was recently appointed to serve on the WDC.

The WDC was formed in 1994 to plan and evaluate job training and education programs in South Dakota. The single council assumed the duties of previous boards including the Private Industry Council, Job Training Coordinating Council and Council on Vocational Education.

One of the principal functions of the WDC is to set policy and oversee implementation of Workforce Investment Act programs in South Dakota. The council selects service providers and evaluates progress toward program goals. The council also works closely with the Office of Career and Technical Education, Tourism and State Development, the Departments of Human Services and Social Services, and other state agencies.

Members of the WDC represent various business, labor and education interests. A majority of its members are from the private sector. Council membership also includes representatives of the state departments of Labor, Education, Human Services, Tourism and State Development, and the Board of Regents. To view more information on the WDC, visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).