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Workforce Development Council honors A-1 Jet

PIERRE, S.D. – A-1 Jet of Sioux Falls recently received the 2006 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Outstanding Small Business award at the South Dakota Workforce Development Council's (WDC) awards ceremony held in conjunction with the WIA state conference. Scott and Tricia Viessman, operators of the company, accepted the award.

The Viessmans first learned of the WIA program through the Sioux Falls Career Center. They were interested in the idea of mentoring a youth to fill a part-time position through a work experience. A candidate was hired, and Tricia and Scott taught the youth important workplace values. These efforts resulted in a confident and valuable employee.

A-1 Jet just completed their first year of business. Their design and engineering expertise facilitates a smooth transition from their clients' design ideas to a fabricated product.

The SDDOL and the Workforce Development Council together are able to address today's workforce issues. Their main objective is to plan and evaluate job training and education programs in South Dakota. SDDOL and the Council also assist in the implementation of WIA programs by selecting service providers and evaluating progress toward program goals. Members of the Workforce Development Council represent various business, labor and education interests. In addition to the SDDOL, the Council works closely with the Departments of Human Services and Social Services; the Office of Career and Technical Education; Tourism and State Development; and other state agencies. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org.