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**Workforce Development Council honors Southeast Technical Institute and
Joe Foss Alternative High School**

PIERRE, S.D. – Southeast Technical Institute (STI) and Joe Foss Alternative High School of Sioux Falls recently received the 2006 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Outstanding Partnership award at the South Dakota Workforce Development Council’s (WDC) awards ceremony held in conjunction with the WIA state conference.

STI developed a customer service pilot program for the alternative school students. Those students successfully completing the class put their newly acquired skills to work at Premier Bankcard with job shadows. Through all of this, students gained the knowledge needed to become employed in today’s job market. More than 13,000 jobs are available in call centers in Sioux Falls, with many more expansions expected.

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.