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***Dakota Roots* highlights in-demand occupations**

PIERRE, S.D. – *Dakota Roots* continues to match participants with current career opportunities and is now educating participants on what occupations will be most in-demand in the future.

“We have received feedback from *Dakota Roots* participants and business partners. They have shared ideas on how to improve the program and we have modified the program to meet their needs,” said Gov. Mike Rounds. “One suggestion was to identify occupations which will be needed in the future. We have this information, and we are sharing it with job seekers. This will help create a skilled workforce to meet industry demands.”

A section titled “Featured Career Opportunities” at www.DakotaRoots.com highlights some of the fastest growing occupations. Information includes an occupation description and outlook, workplace examples, working conditions, expected wages, training requirements and current career openings in South Dakota.

“The Department’s Labor Market Information Center has identified the fastest growing occupations through 2014. Sharing this information helps young job seekers bring their career dreams into focus. They can confidently select what field to study, knowing employment will be available for them,” said Labor Secretary Pam Roberts. An extensive analysis is found at the Department of Labor’s Web site at www.sdjobs.org.

Dakota Roots is a joint partnership between the Department of Labor, the Governor’s Office and the Department of Tourism and State Development. It aims to connect former South Dakotans with career opportunities in the state in order for them to return – to live, grow and build.