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**Department of Labor staff awarded
for workforce development efforts by SD-IAWP**

HURON, S.D. – The South Dakota Dept. of Labor (SDDOL) staff were presented awards by the South Dakota chapter of the International Association of Workforce Professionals (SD-IAWP) at the annual conference on April 12. Those recognized showed outstanding contributions to workforce development. Local award recipients include Betty Timm and Graham Smith of the Huron Career Center.

Timm placed second internationally for the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Individual award. She has taken UI claims in the Huron office throughout her 27-year career with the SDDOL. “Betty’s knowledge of the program is remarkable, and her dedication to the clients she serves is admirable,” said Career Center Manager Robin Wallum. Timm is a 25-year member of SD-IAWP and has served in the House of Delegates and as State Chapter President from 1996 to 1997.

Smith received the Individual Merit award. He has worked as a UI tax representative for 28 years, as well as belonged to SD-IAWP for 28 years. Smith educates employers about their responsibilities under UI law and enforces requirements when necessary. “Graham makes himself available to work with employers whenever and wherever they request his assistance,” said UI Division Director Don Kattke. “He will spend as much time as necessary to work with them and answer their questions.”

The awarding of the international award winners will take place at the 94th International Educational Conference in Boise, ID, on June 3-7, 2007. IAWP is a nonprofit educational association representing 13,000 professionals worldwide who work in public and private workforce development programs. For more information on the SDDOL, visit www.sdjobs.org.