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

SPEARFISH, 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 included the Northern Hills Career Center, who received the One Stop award.

The Northern Hills Career Center consists of 10 staff who serve a total of four counties and five cities with a population total of 57,562. They provide employment services to job seekers and businesses, along with administering workforce development programs. “Our staff have strong collaborative partnerships with other state agencies and local organizations which allows a seamless delivery system,” said Lisa Johnson, Career Center Manager. “We are literally a ‘one-stop shop’ of information and knowledge of available assistance programs.”

The staff are involved in various community activities such as: Kiwanis, Sturgis and Lawrence County Child Protection Teams, Elderly Meals, Angel and Elder Trees at Christmas, Artemis House, Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, Salvation Army, Public and Alternative Schools, Community Action Team, Parents Who Care, Northern Hills Prevention and Intervention Alliance, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, and the Fort Meade VA Hospital.

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.

