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

**RAPID CITY, 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 the Rapid City Career Center Veterans Team.

This team, consisting of Ken Moon, Lee Mai and David Mauer, placed second internationally for the Service to Veterans' Group award. The team maintains regular network contact with federal, state, and tribal government, educational institutions and community agencies to promote veteran disability awareness, and veteran employment and training opportunities.

Ken Moon also was recognized as the Individual Service to Veterans award winner. Moon has spent 10 years providing services to veterans at the Rapid City Career Center. "Ken's compassion for the veteran population is clearly identified by observing his daily interactions with veteran clients," said Career Center Manager Penny Kutz. "He goes out of his way to consistently provide detailed and pertinent information." Moon assists with job referrals and other employment-related needs, helps improve employability, and facilitates two different employment workshops which cover resume writing, interviewing techniques, how to dress-for-success and how to appropriately complete an application.

The awarding of the international award winners will take place at the 94<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sdjobs.org).