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

SIoux FALLS, 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 Sioux Falls Career Center Management Team, who received second place internationally for the Group Merit Award. The Team consists of Greg Johnson, Gary Gregerson and Danyell Skillman.

The Sioux Falls Career Center provides employment services to job seekers and businesses, along with administering workforce training programs. These leaders also have been involved in activities designed to enhance workforce development and readiness. “Some of our major accomplishments are establishing the Diversity Fair, holding annual meetings with other employment agencies and facilitating the Retail Job Fair,” said Greg Johnson, Career Center Manager. “We have a long-term commitment to providing exceptional customer service to meet the needs of the Sioux Falls community.”

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.