

South Dakota Department of Labor
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501
www.sdjobs.org

For Immediate Release: Friday, Nov. 9, 2007
Media Contact: Dawn Dovre, 605.773.3094

Labor Dept. encourages employers to hire veterans

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor (SDDOL), along with the nation, will pay tribute to the men and women of the armed forces on Veterans' Day, celebrated Nov. 11. Communities throughout the country will focus their attention on veterans and their families.

"We also want to use this opportunity to remind businesses of the value in hiring a veteran," said Pam Roberts, Labor Secretary. "Every one of our South Dakota Career Centers has veterans' representatives to assist in filling job openings."

The SDDOL encourages employers to hire veterans for the following top eight reasons:

1. Veterans possess a vast array of skills and abilities.
2. Veterans are well educated, highly trained and strongly motivated.
3. Veterans offer a high level of maturity and responsibility.
4. Veterans are accustomed to respecting property.
5. Veterans have a can-do attitude.
6. Veterans know how to perform under pressure.
7. Veterans are used to teamwork.
8. Veterans are physically strong and addiction-free.

For more information on hiring veterans, contact State Veterans' Coordinator Todd Kolden at 605.773.4999 or visit www.sdjobs.org.