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## **Labor Deputy Secretary receives top international honors**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) Deputy Secretary Marcia Hultman has been selected as the 2008 Individual Award of Merit winner by the International Association of Workforce Professionals (IAWP).

The Award of Merit is given for outstanding achievement or service by an IAWP member towards advancing workforce development.

“Marcia has consistently supported IAWP and stands out as a visionary,” said State Labor Secretary Pam Roberts. “She is exceptional in all of her endeavors for both DOL and the IAWP South Dakota Chapter.”

Hultman has served DOL for 14 years in a variety of capacities. She has functioned as the Public Information Officer, Director of Communications and Project Development, Director of Workforce Services and Deputy Secretary.

Hultman is also a seven year member of IAWP.

“I am proud of Marcia’s leadership in the IAWP organization,” said Secretary Roberts. “She was elected in 2008 as President Elect of the South Dakota Chapter while at the same time serving as Membership Chair, Education Chair, and South Dakota Coordinator for the 2009 international conference.”

IAWP is a professional association for members who work in public and private workforce development programs. There are over 13,000 members worldwide. Hultman will be presented her award at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual IAWP Educational Conference hosted by South Dakota in Rapid City on June 14 – 17.