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MTI graduate gaining work experience through stimulus funds

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) is helping Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI) graduate Marty Spinsby gain real world skills in computer technology through the summer stimulus work experience program.

DOL received \$3 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to create new summer employment opportunities for youth ages 14 through 24 in order to establish work histories, gain references, acquire new skills and build good work habits.

“Marty contacted the Mitchell office looking for a summer job that would enhance the skills he learned in the computer software support program at MTI,” said Jean Anderson, Mitchell DOL office manager. “We were able to match Marty with a position in the technology department at Hanson High School.”

Spinsby, a Midland native, was born without a right arm but this congenital disability has never slowed him down.

“I’ve dealt with this all my life,” said Spinsby. “I don’t anticipate any issues in this work experience which cannot be worked around fairly easily.”

Spinsby also supported his family while attending school and is looking forward to gaining the experience needed to land a full-time, permanent job and start a career.

“Marty is great,” said his supervisor Doni Bridge from Hanson High School. “He jumps in when he knows what to do and isn’t afraid to ask questions when he doesn’t.”

Throughout the summer, Spinsby will be re-imaging all student computers, installing a security system, updating software and repairing computers as needed.

DOL works to provide businesses with employment-related solutions and help people with job placement and career transition services. To learn about available programs and view an office directory, visit www.sdjobs.org.