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Summer Work Experience Gives Student New Perspective on Business World

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor provided 19-year-old Krystal Magee a summer internship with the North Central South Dakota Economic Development (NCSDEC) office in Mobridge.

Magee was one of nearly 800 young people, ages 14-24, who benefited from \$2.9 million in federal stimulus funds South Dakota received for job-training opportunities through the Summer Youth Work Experience program. The program helped them establish work histories, gain references, acquire new skills and build good work habits.

Magee, an Augustana College student and Mobridge High School graduate, held the position of researcher for NCSDEC. During her work experience, she learned the importance of economic development.

Her responsibilities included researching industry trends, surveying company needs, updating client databases and Web sites, and developing reports for board meetings and general communications.

Though Magee is a psychology and sociology major, she says the experience prompted her to consider taking some business courses and possibly getting a similar job in the future.

The work experience concluded Aug. 28.