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High School Student Gained Summer Work Experience

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor provided 16-year-old Daniel Ringwood a work experience opportunity with Dakota Rental in Spearfish from June thru August.

Ringwood 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.

Ringwood is attending Spearfish High School and had an interest to work outdoors with his hands. As a customer service representative, Ringwood helped customers determine what equipment or items would work best for their project or event, wrote the order, and performed the set-up, basic repair and maintenance on the rentals.

Both Ringwood and the worksite were pleased with the work experience. Ringwood will continue to help as needed throughout the winter, and Dakota Rental anticipates they will have full-time work for him again next summer.