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## **Labor Department awards BHSU over \$99,000 for green jobs training**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded \$99,767 to Black Hills State University (BHSU) in Spearfish as part of a green jobs training grant.

The approved BHSU proposal will create energy management technician training to be delivered in Spearfish and Yankton to about 60 people. This training will be integrated into the existing associate degree in advanced manufacturing.

“The purpose of the grant is to teach workers the skills required in emerging energy efficiency and renewable energy industries,” said State Labor Secretary Pam Roberts. “Black Hills State University will focus on smart building technology and design and Lean manufacturing concepts.”

All activities must lead to employment and teach competencies demanded by the target sector while supporting participants’ long-term career growth.

“The green jobs training grant will increase the opportunities for unemployed and dislocated workers to move into high-wage and high-growth occupations,” said Secretary Roberts.

South Dakota received \$2.5 million for the State Energy Sector Partnerships and Training Grant authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. To learn more about job training opportunities available through DOL, visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).