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Labor Department awards Kilian Community College almost \$50,000 for green jobs training

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded \$49,700 to Kilian Community College in Sioux Falls as part of a green jobs training grant.

The approved Kilian Community College proposal will add an associate degree in sustainability and environmental sciences. The training will serve about 20 people per year.

“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. “The program at Kilian Community College will place emphasis on LEED training and biodiesel fuels, as well as other future green 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.