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Labor Department awards POET \$100,000 for green jobs training

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded \$100,000 to POET of Sioux Falls as part of a green jobs training grant.

The approved POET proposal will provide incumbent worker training to upgrade the skills for up to 600 team members in its ethanol plants.

“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. “POET’s project will provide energy sector training through national certifications and credentials associated with the ethanol and bio-fuel industry.”

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.