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

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded \$100,000 to Western Dakota Technical Institute (WDT) in Rapid City as part of a green jobs training grant.

The approved WDT proposal will revise current curriculum to provide training in green building construction, energy generation and transportation. This training will result in a certificate or associate degree and serve about 90 people over two years.

“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.

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.