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Two New Members Appointed to Workforce Development Council

PIERRE, S.D. – Governor Mike Rounds has appointed two new members to the South Dakota Department of Labor’s Workforce Development Council (WDC), Sarah Folsland of Rapid City and Randy Hanson of Brookings.

Folsland and Hanson fill the vacancies left by Patricia Kenner of Rapid City and Larry Tolzin of Menno, who recently resigned.

The WDC oversees the implementation of workforce training programs in South Dakota funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and administered by the Department of Labor.

“I look forward to the insights our new members will have to offer,” said State Labor Secretary Pam Roberts. “Job training and education programs are important issues to address in growing our workforce.”

Members represent various business, labor and education interests. A majority of its members are from the private sector. Other members include:

- Chairman Warren Lotsberg, Huron
- Vice Chairwoman Pat Lund, Sioux Falls
- Tom Bohnet, Yankton
- D.J. Mertens, Kennebec
- Wallace Myers, Sioux Falls
- Helen Wegner, Pierre
- Roland Benson, Aberdeen
- Cal Geis, Belle Fourche
- Shelley Stingley, Sioux Falls

Council membership also includes representatives of the state departments of Labor, Education, Human Services, Tourism and State Development, and the Board of Regents.

The WDC was formed in 1994 to plan and evaluate job training and education programs in South Dakota and to advise the governor on workforce issues. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org