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Workforce Development Council Approves Internships

PIERRE, S.D. – Two businesses were approved for Dakota Seeds-funded internships today at the South Dakota Department of Labor’s Workforce Development Council quarterly meeting in Pierre.

Dakota Seeds is part of the Workforce 2025 initiative designed to create internships and assistantships in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Funding is available to assist with the wages of employees.

Employers approved today for grants include:

- Secure Banking Solutions, Madison – \$10,000
- Polaris Industries, Vermillion – \$2,000

Dakota Seeds provides grants covering up to one-half of a position’s wages, with a maximum of \$2,000 for undergraduate or graduate student internships, \$8,000 for master’s degree students, and \$10,000 for PhD students who are working as research and development assistants.

The Council was formed in 1994 to plan and evaluate job training and education programs in South Dakota and to advise the governor on workforce issues. Members represent various business, labor and education interests. A majority of its members are from the private sector.

Council membership also includes representatives of the state departments of Labor, Education, Human Services, Tourism and State Development, and the Board of Regents. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org