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## **Secretary Roberts to Announce Watertown WorkReady Project**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts will announce details of the Watertown WorkReady project on Thursday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. at the Watertown Event Center.

“The Department of Labor and Regulation can identify and validate the work ready skills of the workforce in South Dakota communities,” said Secretary Roberts. “This ability provides a valuable economic development tool. We are launching a WorkReady project in Watertown because of the proactive business climate, industry variety and committed education partners.”

Community leaders and employers are encouraged to attend this announcement to learn how they can participate in the process. WorkReady builds on the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC), which the Department initiated in April 2010.

Several local businesses have already been using the NCRC in their workplaces, and Benchmark Foam will be in attendance to share their experience. Focus Watertown President Craig Atkins will also be participating.

For more information, contact the Department of Labor and Regulation’s Watertown local office manager Sue Bogen at 605-882-5131.