

South Dakota Department of Labor & Regulation
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501
www.sdjobs.org

For Immediate Release: Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015
Media Contact: Dawn Dovre, 605-773-3094

Gov. Daugaard Supports National Employ Older Workers Week

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has issued [a proclamation](#) to celebrate National Employ Older Workers Week from Sept. 21-25. This week is designed to support workers past the traditional retirement age who have remained in the workforce or re-entered it.

“Employers should consider older workers when filling job openings,” said Gov. Daugaard. “Hiring people from this target group will grow the labor force to help meet South Dakota’s workforce needs.”

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, brings employment and training opportunities to older Americans across the nation.

The program currently serves about 100,000 seniors each year nationally. It has helped millions of Americans find jobs in community service and the private sector.

“The Department of Labor and Regulation helps older workers with their training and employment needs,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “Older workers have the characteristics employers are looking for and need, such as good judgment, punctuality and commitment to quality.”

The state Department of Labor and Regulation receives and administers the SCSEP grant. Participants are offered training opportunities in various fields while they prepare to transition into full- or part-time employment in the public and private sectors.

For more information, contact SCSEP administrator Mary Fleming at 605-773-3101 or visit www.sdjobs.org.