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Apprenticeship Knowledge Series: Beyond the Build: How Start Today SD Supports Your Program

Pierre, SD - The Department of Labor and Regulation is offering a free virtual Apprenticeship Knowledge Series on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. CDT / 10:30 a.m. MDT via Microsoft Teams.

The webinar, Beyond the Build: How Start Today SD Supports Your Program, will focus on how Start Today SD provides ongoing partnership and support after your Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) launches.

Topics will include:

- **What is Registered Apprenticeship:** An overview of the five core components of registered apprenticeship and the benefits RAPs provide to both businesses and apprentices.
- **Program and Mentorship Support:** Fine-tune your training roadmaps to match daily operations and master best practices for selecting and training effective mentors.
- **Educational Support:** Easily bridge the gap between your business and local technical colleges, online providers, or in-house training to meet your related instruction requirements.
- **Financial Support:** Details current state financial support, the apprentice incentive and a program development incentive.
- **Operational Success and Program Evolution:** Get hands-on technical assistance to adapt your program as your business, technology, and hiring needs shift.
- **Community and Statewide Partnerships:** Tap into a large network of local chambers, educational institutions, and community resources to build a stronger talent pipeline.

Registration is required and is open to employers, education partners, community stakeholders, and current or prospective RAP sponsors and supervisors. Visit tinyurl.com/dlr-workshops and select the event listing on the calendar. For additional information, contact the Start Today SD team at starttoday@state.sd.us or 605-610-7031.