

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Special Meeting
May 7, 2010

AGENDA ITEMS

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| A. Call to Order | Warren Lotsberg | |
| B. New Business | | |
| 1. Dakota Seed | Ann Gesick-Johnson | Action |
| 2. State Energy Sector Partnership Grant | Marcia Hultman | Action |
| 3. NCRC Provider Proposals/Budget | Bill Molseed | Action |
| C. Adjournment | | |

AGENDA ITEM A

The South Dakota Workforce Development Council (WDC) met by conference call on May 7, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Warren Lotsberg at 10:00 a.m. CDT. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Members Present

Warren Lotsberg, Chairman	Tom Bohnet	Cal Geis
Pat Lund, Vice-Chairwoman	Patricia Kenner	Larry Tolzin
Ann Gesick-Johnson	D. J. Mertens	Wally Myers
Pam Roberts	Shelley Stingley	Helen Wegner
Roland Benson	Mark Wilson	

Members Absent

Paul Gough	Grady Kickul
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Others Present

Bill Molseed	Kari Porch	Marcia Hultman
Gail Bunch	Deb Halling	Bill McEntaffer
Andy Szilvasi		

AGENDA ITEM B NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM B1 DAKOTA SEEDS

Ann Gesick-Johnson, Department of Tourism and State Development, provided information on 11 businesses applying for funding through Dakota Seeds for internships and assistantships. She requested approval for Dakota Seeds to provide funding to these businesses.

Kaliliki Software LLC in Sioux Falls is a start-up company that does website development and hosting. They are looking for a computer science student to design websites using Drupal and other programming languages. Dakota Seeds recommended funding an internship at \$2,000.

American Science & Technology in Brookings has a microelectronics division that completes R&D projects. They are looking for two software engineering students to work on developing a graphic user interface to collect and record data. Dakota Seeds recommended funding two internships for a total of \$4,000.

Lamkota Group in Huron is a manufacturer of after-market parts for a number of OEMs. They are looking to redesign their product line to stay competitive and are looking for a manufacturing/technical engineer to do that work. Dakota Seeds recommended funding an internship at \$2,000.

West Plains Engineering in Sioux Falls does mechanical and electrical engineering consulting. The engineer will be using 3D-design software to work on HVAC plumbing and electrical systems. Dakota Seeds recommended funding an internship at \$2,000.

RESPEC in Rapid City is an engineering, IT, and water and natural resources consulting firm. They are looking for three engineering students to do water and natural resource engineering, modeling and problem solving. Dakota Seeds recommended funding three internships for a total of \$6,000.

Amerikit Technology Solutions in North Sioux City provides technology services to Dell customers throughout the Midwest. They would like two computer science students to do software imaging, asset tagging and PC configuration. Dakota Seeds recommended funding two internships for a total of \$4,000.

KL Energy Corporation in Rapid City is developing biofuels. They would like three chemistry or chemical engineering students to do testing on the feed stocks to make ethanol. Dakota Seeds recommended funding three internships for a total of \$6,000.

Sancom in Mitchell provides telephone, internet and television products. They would like one intern to complete installation, provide troubleshooting and do network maintenance. Dakota Seeds recommended funding an internship at \$2,000.

Masaba in Vermillion manufactures bulk handling equipment for the aggregate and mining industries. Masaba would like three mechanical engineers to work on the design and management of projects. Dakota Seeds recommended funding three internships for a total of \$6,000.

CHR Solutions (formerly Martin Group) in Mitchell provides IT consulting to rural telecommunications, energy and finance market segments. They are looking for two interns. The first will be doing technical writing in the software practices division. The second will be working in the HR department on merging employee data from Martin Group with CHR. Dakota Seeds recommended funding two internships for a total of \$4,000.

McLaury Engineering in Elk Point is an engineering firm. The civil engineering intern will work on construction projects and design work. Dakota Seeds recommended funding an internship at \$2,000.

Shelley Stingley made a motion to approve the recommendations. Helen Wegner seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

AGENDA ITEM B2 STATE ENERGY SECTOR PARTNERSHIP GRANT

The purpose of the State Energy Sector Partnership Grant is to teach workers the skills required in emerging energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. All activities must lead to placement in employment, must teach skills and competencies demanded by the target sector, and support participants' long-term career growth.

The South Dakota Department of Labor requested approval from the Workforce Development Council to fund 11 applicants and decline funding for seven applicants.

Accept:

1. Black Hills State University, Spearfish - \$99,767

- Energy Management Technician training delivered in Spearfish and Yankton.
- Focus on Smart Building Technology and Design, and Lean manufacturing concepts and be integrated in existing AS degree in Advanced Manufacturing.
- Plan to serve 60.

- 2. Western Dakota Technical Institute, Rapid City - \$100,000**
 - Green Building construction, Energy Generation, and Transportation.
 - Revise current curriculum to provide energy specific training.
 - Presented in partnership with BHSSC.
 - Plan to serve 90 over two years resulting in certificate and/or AA degree.
- 3. Kilian Community College, Sioux Falls - \$49,700**
 - Add AA degree in Sustainability and Environmental Sciences with emphasis in LEED training and biodiesel.
 - Plan to serve up to 20 per year.
- 4. Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown - \$97,868**
 - Energy Torque Certification training.
 - Modeled after national Snap-On certification program.
 - Foundational certification for wind, ethanol, coal, and hydro power generation construction and maintenance.
 - Plan to serve 50 in AA program and 100 in Corporate Ed continuing education.
- 5. Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell - \$100,000**
 - Energy Efficiency Auditing and Remediation.
 - Provide training leading to national Home Energy Raters (HERs).
 - Combine current Building Construction and HVAC programs with nationally recognized certifications.
 - Plan to serve 83.
- 6. New TEC, Aberdeen - \$50,000**
 - In partnership with Molded Fiberglass will provide a Composites Training relating to wind energy.
 - Result will be nationally recognized composite certification.
 - Will utilize technical expertise from LATI.
 - Plan to serve 100
- 7. Poet, Sioux Falls - \$100,000**
 - Incumbent worker training. Provide upgrade training for team members.
 - The project will define and utilize national certifications.
 - Plan to serve up to 600 team members.
- 8. Rural Learning Center, Howard - \$99,900**
 - Entry level wind turbine technicians.
 - Integrate specific technology enhancements for Renewable Energy partners and develop educational technology systems for renewable energy applications.
 - Plan to serve 325.

9. SDSU, Brookings - \$75,000 (combine two proposals into one contract)

- Develop a minor in Sustainable Energy Systems.
- Program will result in LEED certifications.
- Plan to serve 20 enrolled, but approximately 300 will benefit from the expanded modules and attain certification.

SDSU, Brookings - \$75,000

- Create an on-line website to bring awareness to energy occupations, and develop career planning materials specific to South Dakota.

10. Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls - \$100,000

- Weatherization, Building Analyst, and Green Building Construction training, with each program leading to certifications.
- Request is for tuition/scholarships.
- Plan to serve over 100.

11. RTEC-Data Vator, Yankton - \$50,000

- Accepted as provider for energy grant, but need to rework proposal to show the "green" energy relationship.

Wally Myers made a motion to approve the recommendations. Pat Lund seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

AGENDA ITEM B3 NCRC PROVIDER PROPOSALS/BUDGET

WDC readers recommended providing funding for National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) remediation and skills development to the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative (BHSSC), Cornerstones Career Learning Center, The Right Turn, Inc., Southeast Job Link and Southeast Technical Institute. Funding will be provided at the same level as PY09 unless the applicant requested less funding. Southeast Technical Institute decided not to provide services to the Madison area. BHSSC, which provides services for AEL for the Madison area, will work to provide NCRC services.

Pat Lund made a motion to accept the recommendations on the NCRC budget. Wally Myers seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

AGENDA ITEM C ADJOURNMENT

Rolly Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wally Myers seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**