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Board adopts technical institute tuition and fees for 2015-16

PIERRE, S.D. – State tuition and fees at South Dakota’s four technical institutes will rise slightly, to \$145 per credit, for the 2015-16 academic year. The South Dakota Board of Education approved the increase at its meeting today. The total increase is \$8 per credit. That includes a \$2 increase in facility fees, which the board approved at its Jan. 29 meeting, a \$5 per credit increase in tuition and a \$1 dollar per credit increase in maintenance and repair fees.

The first Build Dakota scholarships will be awarded to new, incoming students at the state technical institutes in the 2015-16 school year. During this first year of the program, these full-ride scholarships cover 54 program options within eight, high-need industry areas. It is expected that approximately 300 scholarships will be awarded in the first year.

In-state and out-of-state students are eligible to apply. Scholarship applicants must be accepted into their program of interest. Recipients of the scholarship must enroll full-time and complete their educational program on schedule. The Build Dakota Scholarship will cover tuition and fees, books, equipment and other related program expenses. Scholarship recipients will commit to stay in South Dakota to work in their field of study for three years following graduation.

The Build Dakota Scholarship program was announced in late 2014. It is made possible by a \$25 million donation from T. Denny Sanford and a \$25 million grant by Gov. Dennis Daugaard from the South Dakota Future Fund. Build Dakota aims to support students entering high-need workforce programs at South Dakota’s technical institutes to fill the state’s technical career fields with skilled professionals. More information is available at www.builddakotascholarships.com.