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**2019 SD Workforce Education Grant recipients announced**

PIERRE, S.D. – Eight South Dakota Workforce Education Grants, totaling more than \$1,091,000, have been awarded to seven South Dakota public school districts and one private non-profit organization. In 2013, the South Dakota Legislature established the Workforce Education Fund. Part of that fund was designated to provide grants for career and technical education programs in secondary schools.

The purpose of the grant program is to provide the opportunity to make transformative change in career and technical education programs. High quality CTE programs give students the knowledge, skills and experiences to be prepared for postsecondary education and the workforce.

“I commend the recipients of these grants for thinking big as they seek to grow their career and technical education programs,” said Laura Scheibe, the South Dakota Department of Education’s director of career and technical education. “CTE programs help students effectively connect their K-12 education to real-world career opportunities.”

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Award amount</b>
Dell Rapids School District	Development of a new welding technology program in partnership with Lake Area Technical Institute	\$11,661.34
Deubrook Area School District	Expansion of agriculture, food and natural resources program through the construction of a greenhouse and the development of an aquaponics program	\$16,625.00
Harrisburg School District	Creation of a Home Builders Academy in partnership with the Sioux Empire Home Builders Care Foundation, Southeast Technical Institute and Affordable Housing Solutions	\$225,000.00
Menno School District	Expansion of the agriculture, food and natural resources program through the construction of a new Ag Learning Lab	\$225,000.00
Mitchell School District	Expansion of middle and high school career and technical education programs through the addition of robotics and automation curriculum	\$72,086.48
Rapid City Area School District	Purchase of equipment to support the development of a Computer Arts and Sciences Academy	\$225,000.00
Tea Area School District	Construction of a new facility to house architecture and construction, manufacturing, and transportation, distribution and logistics programs.	\$225,000.00
Sioux Falls Catholic Schools (O’Gorman High School)	Modernization of architecture and construction program	\$91,028.90