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2016 SD Workforce Education Grant recipients announced

PIERRE, S.D. – Nine South Dakota Workforce Education Grants have been awarded to South Dakota school districts, totaling \$800,000. 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 South Dakota school districts 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. Partnerships among secondary education, postsecondary education and business and industry lay the foundation for modern CTE programs.

“More students across our state, in districts large and small, will have greater access to high quality career and technical education programs thanks to these grants,” said Tiffany Sanderson, the South Dakota Department of Education’s director of career and technical education. “That translates into a brighter future for students and a stronger outlook for our state’s workforce.”

Below is a list of the districts awarded grants and a brief summary of each district’s project:

- **Gayville-Volin** – Expand the transportation program and facilities
- **Hitchcock-Tulare** – Upgrade equipment for ag metals and precision agriculture instruction
- **Meade** – Expand the precision machining program
- **Mitchell** – Enhance equipment in the information technology, architecture and construction and biomedical sciences programs. Implement a one plus one licensed practical nursing program with Mitchell Technical Institute.
- **Platte-Geddes** – Upgrade the ag, food and natural resources facilities
- **Rapid City Area** – Upgrade the graphic design program
- **Sioux Falls** – Implement a concurrent credit diesel technology option in the existing transportation program with Lake Area Technical Institute
- **Webster Area** – Implement a Project Lead the Way biomedical sciences program (Principles of Biomedical Sciences and Human Body Systems courses)
- **Yankton** – Expand the internship program with local businesses. Develop concurrent credit programs with Mitchell Technical Institute in transportation, drafting, welding and information technology. Upgrade equipment in the construction program and Technology, Machines & Society course.