



## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 31 - – CTE Infographic Contest closes – contact [kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us](mailto:kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us) for more information
- Jan. 6 - CTE 101 Online
- Jan. 7 - CTE New Teacher Academy – Brookings
- Feb. 9 - Information Technology Best Practices - Sioux Falls

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For more information, or to sign up for any of these professional development opportunities, visit [southdakota.gosignmeup.com](http://southdakota.gosignmeup.com).



## CTE 101 – ONLINE!

Are you new to Career & Technical Education? Are you looking to learn more about the history of CTE, the components of CTE and the latest trends in career development? If so, please consider attending CTE 101 –the online version!

The 4-week class will start on Wednesday, January 6th and continue each Wednesday, wrapping up on January 27th. The online course will be offered from 4-5 pm each week. This online session is intended for teachers who are new to Career & Technical Education and will provide information on SDMyLife, labor market projections, student organizations, industry certifications, and the components of a high quality program of study. This course meets the requirements for qualification in offering an approved CTE program.

Participants will earn 6 Continuing Education Contact Hours for their participation in the on-line course. Some additional time outside of the on-line meeting will be required to earn the 6 CECH.

To register, visit <https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com/public/course/browse?courseid=3667>. Questions can be directed to Jane Gubrud, NE Region Career and Development Specialist - [jane.gubrud@state.sd.us](mailto:jane.gubrud@state.sd.us) or call (605) 295-1892.

If you are not able to attend online, in-person classes will be held starting in June of 2016. The CTE 101 class will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

Wednesday, June 1 in Mitchell

Friday, June 3 in Aberdeen

Wednesday, August 3 in Sioux Falls

# We need your feedback!

This past summer, educators across the state revised course standards and cluster pathways in the following career clusters:

- Architecture & Construction
- Education & Training
- Foundations of CTE
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections
- STEM

These standards are available for review and public comment at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/>.

The newly revised standards will be presented to the state Board of Education for their second public hearing on January 7, in Pierre. Additional public hearings will be held in Rapid City on March 14, and Aberdeen on May 16.

If the newly revised standards are adopted by the board this spring, trainings on the standards will be scheduled throughout the 2016-17 school year to prepare educators for the full implementation of the standards during the 2017-18 school year. A full timeline of the revision process is located at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/>

# Summer Conference Call for Proposals

Do you have a great idea from your classroom that you want to share with others? Consider presenting at the 2016 CTE Summer Conference!

Conference organizers are seeking proposals for 3 hour in-depth sessions that provide educators the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities and

45 minute breakout sessions related to instructional best practices.

The conference will be held in Sioux Falls on July 31-August 2.

To submit a presentation proposal, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2TQJ6S2>. The deadline for submissions is January 25, 2016.

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## DLR Offers Workplace Training Program

The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, Workforce Training Division has a Youth and Adult program. The Workforce Training Youth program serves young adults through the age of 24, with an emphasis on students transitioning from secondary school, advanced training, or employment. The Workforce Training Adult Program serves individuals over the age of 18.

The Workforce Training program assists individuals to develop a training and employment goal with a service strategy to assist them in reaching this goal.

Services provided may include:

- Career exploration
- Job Shadow experience
- Post-secondary training
- On-the-job training
- Completing a job search

For those interested in post-secondary education, tuition assistance may be an option. View the current list of [approved training programs](#) in high demand occupations in South Dakota

that may be eligible for the Workforce Training tuition assistance.

Attached is a PowerPoint describing more about the DLR Workforce Training program.

View a [video](#) of how the Workforce Training program has impacted the lives of job seekers.

To learn more about how the DLR Workforce Training program can assist you and your students, please contact a [DLR Local Office](#) near you and speak to a Workforce Training Employment Specialist.

*South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation provides equal employment opportunities (EEO). Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. State and federal laws require the Department of Labor and Regulation to provide services to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, ancestry, political affiliation or belief, national origin, or disability.*

# Business Partner Highlight

## RENEW Energy Inc. and MTI

By: Sarah Kreyer

RENEW Energy Inc. (RENEW) is a growing, employee-owned independent wind turbine service provider, headquartered in Sioux Falls, SD with remote O&M locations in Iowa, Minnesota and New York. We perform work for 18 of the top 25 wind asset owners, and have a nationwide footprint.

We pride ourselves on our positive and empowering company culture, our

uncompromising commitment to safety, quality and innovation, and our strong customer relationships.

Our greatest asset is our team. We have developed a diversified team of professionals with extensive experience on all major wind turbine makes and models. Since RENEW's origination in 2009, we have grown our team to nearly 175 full-time employees.

Thanks to our partnership with Mitchell Technical Institute's Career and Technical Education Department, we've been able to attract talented and trained individuals from our home state, including numerous Lead Technicians and one of our key managers.

We've worked together to offer dozens of MTI students hands-on learning opportunities through our internship program, which has led to full-time employment. Our management team and MTI's staff have collaborated on improvements and advances in curriculum at the Advisory Board capacity. And new this year, we are excited to be utilizing the Build Dakota Scholarship program and MTI's Double Edge program to sponsor a student through the Wind Turbine Technology program, and to become a RENEW employee.

The RENEW and MTI relationship is refreshing and mutually beneficial. MTI does an excellent job of recruiting, we help determine industry needs, a number of students receive a career after receiving their diploma, and we get a quality workforce.



## Career Cluster: Government & Public Administration

Professionals in this cluster plan and execute government functions at local, state and federal levels. Anyone who has a hand in the day-to-day operations of the government works within this cluster. If you have a passion for serving our country and are an organized individual, this cluster may be for you. This cluster includes a wide range of careers, and is not limited to elected officials. City planners, compliance officers, and postal service mail carriers are just a few examples of careers in this cluster.

Students interested in this cluster should take courses in business law, government, English, speech, debate, world languages and business communications. They should also consider participating in activities such as Girls/Boys State, FFA, FBLA, and student council.

There are seven pathways in the Government & Public Administration cluster:

- Governance
- National Security
- Foreign Service
- Planning
- Revenue & Taxation
- Regulation
- Public Management & Administration

### Data Highlight:

#### Government & Public Administration

- A starting salary range for an auditor is between \$41,600 - \$47,800.
- By 2020, SD is expected to need 1,160 more local government employees.
- SD is expected to employ 12,915 government employees and 7,655 state government employees by 2020.

# South Dakota Career and Technical Student Organizations

Career and technical student organizations, or CTSOs, are regarded as an integral part of career and technical education. CTSOs play an important role in preparing young people to become productive citizens and to assume roles of leadership in their communities.

CTSOs at the secondary and postsecondary levels:

- Support and enhance school-based and work-based learning.
- Offer co-curricular (as opposed to extra-curricular) experiences to help students explore career paths, prepare them as productive citizens, and allow them to assume leadership roles in their communities.

More than 7,100 South Dakota high school and postsecondary students are involved in at least one of the 183 chapters throughout the state.

Involvement in CTSOs allows students to:

- Develop their skills through leadership, professional development, competition and community service.
- Discover relevance and rigor for core academic content.
- Increase self-esteem, academic engagement, civic engagement and employment skills.

Each of South Dakota's career and technical education student organizations will be profiled in upcoming issues of the CTE Monthly Newsletter.

## Wanted: Nominations for outstanding CTE Educators!

Do you know of a CTE teacher that shines? February is CTE Month and we want to celebrate by recognizing outstanding CTE instructors. If you'd like to nominate one who stands out from the rest, please submit their name, career cluster, school, and short description on why they deserve special recognition. Email nominations to [kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us](mailto:kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us) by Jan. 25, 2016, and your nominee may be recognized during CTE Month.



**Kelly Keller**, Arlington, was awarded the ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award. As the Region V winner of ACTE's Carl Perkins Community Service Award, she was one of five finalists considered for the national title. The Carl Perkins Community Service Award is presented to ACTE members who have used CTE to make a significant impact on a community/humanitarian cause through leadership in programs and activities that promote community involvement. You can read the full press release here: [http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Who\\_We\\_Are/Press/keller\\_CPCS\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Who_We_Are/Press/keller_CPCS_FINAL.pdf)



## In The News

- What's The Secret to a Nation Full of Successful Community Colleges? South Dakota May Have the Answer
- The Community College Challenge: Introducing Lake Area Technical Institute
- Southeast Tech Students Get Hands-On Experience
- MTI Donors Thanked at Appreciation Reception
- Western Dakota Tech Program Fills Employment Void

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