

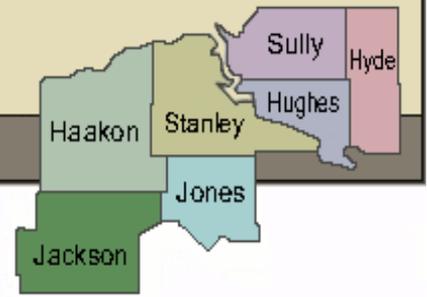
Central South Dakota Enhancement District

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“Ecotourism” & “Agritourism” Business Information Requested

The South Dakota Office of Tourism is gathering data on two types of tourism opportunities that may exist in our state-- *ecotourism* and *agritourism*—in order that it can be included in marketing efforts of the state.

Ecotourism is defined as “responsible tourism” which conserves and improves the place visited. This kind of tourism could include increased environmental awareness, reduction in waste, protection of an ecosystem, or promotion of sustainability. An example would be a camping trip which educates on ecological clean up of the campsite or tours organized to bring financial support for the protection of native grasslands.

Agritourism attracts visitors to rural communities and areas used for agriculture. Examples would be a stay at a farm bed and breakfast and helping with chores, touring a winery, or a farmers market.

If you know of existing examples of either *ecotourism* or *agritourism*, have the business/individual contact Joey Hockett, Agritourism Program Manager, South Dakota Office of Tourism at 773-3301 or email Mr. Hockett at Joey.Hockett@state.sd.us.

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Grant Funds Awarded

Harrold

Harrold has been awarded \$10,000 from the Central Plains Water Development District to assist them with a \$400,000 Storm Water Drainage Project. These will be used with a \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant that was awarded earlier for the project.

Stanley County School District

The Stanley County School District was awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant designed to provide a range of services to support student learning

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and development including academic enrichment, mentoring, tutoring, as well as music, arts, sports, and cultural activities. The school district will receive between \$142,500 and \$149,825 each of the next five years.

***District staff assisted with these applications. If you are interested in learning more about project financing options for projects, please contact the CSDED office.

Central SD Enhancement District

The Central SD Enhancement District has been awarded \$62,500 from the Economic Development Administration for the support of the district staff to assist our seven county area with economic development and planning activities between October 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. The funds must be matched with \$15,625 of local funds.

Dates and Deadlines



- May 14--Green Strategies for Historic Buildings
Registration due (**Conference May 29**)
 - 16--Highway Safety Grant Application Deadline
 - 16--Mosquito Prevention & Control Grants Due
 - 26—Memorial Day Observed, CSDED Office Closed
 - June 6--Safe Routes to School Program Applications due
 - 11--Small Business Workshop, Mitchell
 - 27—SAFER Grants Applications due
 - July 4--Holiday, CSDED Office Closed
 - 10—CSDED Board Meeting, tentatively
 - 16--Small Business Workshop, Pierre
 - Aug. 1---Community Access Road Grant Applications Due
- SDDENR Water, Sewer, and Storm Sewer Project Financing Application Deadlines:**

- 1) Consolidated Water Facility Construction Program
Deadlines are the 1st day of July, October, January and April.
- 2) Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF Loan Application
Deadlines are the 15th day of July, October, January and April.

SDDENR Solid Waste Management Financing Program Deadlines are the 1st day of July, October, January and April.

Director’s Notes

If you noticed a new voice answering the phone in the morning, Laurie “Lou” Engelhardt has joined the CSDED as administrative assistant. Lou is a paralegal and works in a Pierre based law office in the afternoon. Lou and her husband Larry live in Fort Pierre. Lou enjoys working with horses and gardening in her spare time. Welcome aboard!



The CSDED Board met on May 8 and adopted a 2009 budget, thus I will be getting that information out to cities and counties by the end of the month, in order to help you plan your budgets.

More information will be gathered by staff concerning parcel mapping and GIS services. If your county/community is interested in having parcel mapping completed in the future, please contact Justin Poile here at the District office. We would like this information, to help us determine equipment and software needs to help us better determine a budget and charges for the program/services.

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There are many programs currently being promoted by the state of South Dakota to attract young people to the state and to keep our young people here. A very brief synopsis is given below, so for more information go to the SD Department of Labor and or Governors Office of Economic Development websites for more information.

DAKOTA ROOTS-recruits individuals to SD by connecting them to career opportunities with existing SD businesses. Companies interested in relocating or expanding also can receive assistance.

LIVE DAKOTA-retains current SD individuals, with an emphasis on those of Generation Y, by educating them about the career opportunities in-state, as well as the quality of life in SD.

GROW DAKOTA-preparing students for the workforce and providing teachers and principals a vision for the 21st century high school.

DAKOTA SEEDS-connects students with employers by creating a point of contact for students interested in science, technology, engineering and math.

BUILD DAKOTA-works with companies to find solutions to immediate, intermediate and long-term workforce challenges.

Another new program is the Dakota Dreams Savings Account. This is an individual development account for qualifying families set up to help them invest in their future – owning a home, starting a business, or furthering ones education. Funds are matched on a 2 to 1 basis. If a participant saves the maximum \$2000, they will receive an additional \$4000 in match. For more information on this program visit www.DakotaDreamSavingsFund.org or call 1-888-201-1161.

Still another program is the Dakota Rising program involving the development of local entrepreneurship programs. One can learn more about this program at www.sdrei.org/dakotarising. This program may not be available until next year for many of you.

Safe Routes to School Program

Applications are being accepted until June 6 for the Safe Routes to Schools Program (STRS) which is part of a federal transportation bill called SAFETEA-LU. Individual schools, school districts, municipalities and child safety and health advocates can apply. Safe Routes was created to help control this country’s growing epidemic of childhood obesity and diabetes.

Funding is available for a wide variety of programs and projects, from educational and promotional projects that encourage walking and biking options to small scale infrastructures projects that fill gaps in an existing bicycle and pedestrian system. Projects funding is only for elementary and middle schools and must be within a two-mile radius of the school.

While projects are 100 percent federally funded and do not require a local match, this is a reimbursement program. This means that the selected applicants will be entitled to request reimbursements from SDDOT for an amount agreed upon at the time of selection. The applicant must first spend funds that it already has secured—cash will not be provided up-front. Any work on the project that was performed prior to selection of the project’s selection for funding by SDDOT are not eligible for reimbursement.

For more information visit www.SDDOT.com/SRTS or contact Angela Olson at 773-2402.

Community Access Grant Deadline-August 1

The SD Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for its Community Access Grant Program. This program provides funds on a competitive basis to communities/counties with populations under 5,000 for use in projects involving the repair or replacement of important local roads such as Main Streets, schools, hospitals, and elevators.

Grants funds are awarded on a 60/40 ratio of actual construction costs, not to exceed \$400,000. Further, state grant participation is limited to no more than one-mile of street/road.

Applications require preliminary engineering reports with cross-sectional drawings. Contact CSDED staff for information and assistance with applications.

Small Business Workshop Scheduled

Individuals who are self-employed, business owners, office managers, bookkeepers, etc., may be interested in attending the South Dakota Small Business Workshops. Workshop topics include South Dakota Unemployment Insurance, tax and benefits; wage and hour laws; youth employment regulations; South Dakota sales and use tax regulations; as well as contractor’s excise tax requirements.

The workshop is scheduled for June 11 in Mitchell and will be repeated July 16 in Pierre and October 8 in Rapid City. For a brochure, contact CSDED office. For more information contact the South Dakota Department of Revenue and Regulations at 1-800-829-9188. Workshop sponsors include the South Dakota Department of Labor, Small Business Development Center, South Dakota Department of Revenue and Regulations and the Small Business Administration.

South Dakota “Going Green”

The South Dakota State Historical Society and the National Preservation Institute are offering a seminar on practical applications of green building strategies for historic structures. Topics will include an Overview of Green Design and products; Lighting; Energy Sources and Systems; Energy modeling and insulation; Windows; and a case study. This seminar is limited to 50 people and will be held at the Museum of Visual Materials in Sioux Falls on May 29, 2008 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Registration is due by May 14. For information call (703) 765-0100 or email info@npi.org.

Preserve America Grants Available

The National Park Service is currently accepting applications for FY 2008 for communities that wish to be designated as a Preserve America Community. There are two kinds of Preserve America Community application forms: one for specific federally recognized Indian Tribes and one for clearly defined neighborhoods within large cities or consolidated city-counties. The remaining 2008 application deadlines are June 1, September 1, and December 1. Application forms and links to information on previously designated communities can be found at www.PreserveAmerica.gov/communities.html. Requests for information can also be directed to Judy Rodenstein at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at (202) 606-8584.

Tax Credit for Work Opportunities

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit is a federal income tax credit encouraging employers in Rural Renewal Counties to hire individuals from targeted groups. Employers can apply for tax credit involving the first year of employment for a qualifying individual. The program is intended to help people move from welfare to work, gain on-the-job training, prepare American workers for quality jobs, and create high performance workplaces. Jones and Haakon counties are the only Rural Renewal counties in the CSDED area.

For more information, contact: Karin Loverud at the IRS at (202) 622-2080 or contact a WOTC coordinator who can be reached at (605) 773-3372 in Pierre.

News Briefs:

Parcel Mapping---There are a variety of uses for a parcel map including planning and zoning, automating the tax process, creating address point locators, creating road right of ways, etc. If a member county is interested in undertaking such a project contact Justin at the CSDED office.

Evaluate Community Business Opportunities – Are you trying to determine whether a proposed business is right for your community? The Wage & Benefit Metric Program is designed to help measure what kind of jobs a new business would create. CSDED staff can use the tool to help you decide if a new business idea is right for your community. For information, contact the CSDED office.

The Wellmark Foundation – A prospective appliance teleconference is scheduled for Monday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (CST) for those wishing to apply for grant fund from their organization that address childhood obesity prevention and wellness initiatives. The telephone conference is not an application prerequisite nor does one have to register for the teleconference in advance. The teleconference call-in number is 888-454-6808 and the participant pass code is 7825751. Letters of Interest for this funding are due August 21 and full proposals (if invited to apply) are September 23.

Planning and Zoning Changes

Two bills that are relevant to planning and zoning were passed and signed by Governor Rounds. The first bill (SB 163) simply clarifies who a landowner is when modifications to county comprehensive plans are involved. A landowner is any person who owns land in the zoning district as evidenced by records in the offices of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Courts. Also when contracts for deeds are involved both the purchaser and seller are treated as landowners.

The second bill HB1151 requires a one-quarter mile separation distance of adult businesses from schools, churches, playgrounds, a residence, recreational facilities, and more. In addition, it establishes operating hours for certain adult businesses (closed between 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 2:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sunday).

Population Estimates

The US Census Bureau estimates state and county populations as of July 1 on a yearly basis. These estimates are calculated using birth, death, and internal and international migration data. At the same time as data is provided past years estimates will also be updated. While the District saw a population loss from 2000 to 2007, we saw a population gain from 2006 to 2007 of .1%.

Estimated Total Population and Percent Change									
	Haakon	Hughes	Hyde	Jackson	Jones	Stanley	Sully	CSDED	South Dakota
2000 actual	2,196	16,481	1,671	2,930	1,193	2,772	1,556	28,799	754,844
2006 Estimate	1,872	16,786	1,531	2,780	1,069	2,759	1,399	28,196	788,467
2007 Estimate	1,845	16,880	1,465	2,792	1,055	2,787	1,411	28,235	796,214
%Chg 2000-2007	-15.98	2.36	-12.33	-4.71	-11.57	.54	-9.32	-1.96	5.2

*Source: website US Census Bureau: www.census.gov

\$\$\$ Per Capita Personal Income \$\$\$

Recent preliminary information from the Bureau of Economic Analysis has indicated that South Dakota's Per Capital Personal Income grew to \$33,905 or 5.9% from 2006 to 2007, while the US saw an increase of 5.2% going to \$38,611. Per capita income is estimated by dividing total personal income of residents by the estimated resident population of a particular year. Below are statistics going from 2000 to 2006 as 2007 county data is not yet available.

Estimated Per Capita Personal Income and Percent Change									
	Haakon	Hughes	Hyde	Jackson	Jones	Stanley	Sully	US	South Dakota
2000	\$28,079	\$26,755	\$22,393	\$15,858	\$25,181	\$27,144	\$38,079	\$29,845	\$25,721
2006	\$31,254	\$34,207	\$21,609	\$15,846	\$22,857	\$34,048	\$36,822	\$36,714	\$32,030
%Chg 2000-2006	10.16	21.79	-3.5	-.08	-9.23	20.28	-3.3	23%	19.71

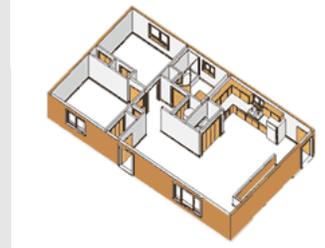
*Source: website Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA): www.bea.gov

Governor's House Program---Income Guidelines Change

The Governor's House Program has been in existence since 1995.

Do you know someone who:

- ✓ IS having trouble finding a place to live where they work?
- ✓ IS renting an apartment that doesn't fit their family's needs anymore?
- ✓ IS having trouble finding a quality home at an affordable price?
- ✓ WOULD like to stay in their hometown and be able to purchase a new house?



A GOVERNOR'S HOUSE MAY BE THE HOME FOR THEM!

This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home is 1,008 square feet energy efficient homes comes complete with kitchen cupboards, bathroom fixtures, a furnace, hot water heater, and washer and dryer hook-ups. The house does not come with appliances or floor coverings.

PURCHASE PRICE IS CURRENTLY \$33,000, plus taxes which includes delivery to your lot and placement on the basement or foundation.

Household income and net worth guidelines remain as follows.

- Households of 2 or less must have an income less than \$33,900
- Households of 3 or more must have an income less than \$39,550
- Households under 62 years of age must have a net worth less than \$90,000, of which no more than \$70,000 is liquid assets.
- Households over 62 years of age must have a net worth less than \$175,000, of which no more than \$100,000 is liquid assets

Another change involves the siding color—the colors are now sage and clay. Sand is no longer available.

Purchaser is responsible for financing the house like any other house you might purchase. Purchaser is responsible for purchase of home, lot/land costs, foundation/basement, floor coverings, appliances, entrance steps, utility connections and hook-up fees, building permits, plus, sidewalks, driveway, curb and gutter as applicable.

Show House Coming

Tentatively there will be a show house located in Fort Pierre the end of May through the summer months.

To learn more about the Governor's House Program or if you know someone who might want to purchase the home, please have them contact the CSDED's staff at 773-2780.

Central South Dakota Enhancement District’s
Mission: Working together to improve the
quality of life within our region.

CSDED members and staff strive to create
wealth and lessen poverty from a “wholistic”
approach by promoting a favorable business
environment, while attracting private capital and
jobs through capacity-building, infrastructure
development, planning, research and strategic
initiatives.

The CSDED newsletter pertains to items of
interest to CSDED members and those we serve.
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