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In Sympathy

A poster for the South Dakota Transportation Hall of Honor Committee. It features a central image of a golden trophy with a laurel wreath and five stars above it. The background is a blurred image of a road with trees. The text is centered and reads: 'SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION HALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE ACCEPTING 2026 NOMINATIONS'. Below the trophy, it lists contributions to consider: technological innovations, political activity, legislative accomplishments, creativity, time and cost saving initiatives, and economic impact. It states that anyone is welcome to submit a nomination and provides contact information for Kari Kroll at the SDDOT website, phone, and email. The deadline is Friday, May 22, 2026, at 5 p.m. (CT).

**SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION
HALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE
ACCEPTING 2026 NOMINATIONS**

Contributions to consider when submitting a nomination are technological innovations, political activity, legislative accomplishments, creativity, time and cost saving initiatives, and economic impact on behalf of public transportation efforts within the state.

Anyone is welcome to submit a Transportation Hall of Honor nomination.

Nomination forms are available on the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) website at <https://dot.sd.gov> or by contacting Kari Kroll at 605-773-5105 or kari.kroll@state.sd.us.

The Hall of Honor nomination deadline is Friday, May 22, 2026, at 5 p.m. (CT).

Need more information?

Below are direct links to the nomination form and the complete list of inductees.

**[2026 Transportation Hall of Honor
Nomination Form](#)**

[Hall of Honor Inductee List](#)

The Secretary's Corner



2026 Legislative Session:

Session concludes on Monday, March 30, 2026. One of the key bills to get passed each year is the appropriations bill. This bill funds all of the executive branch (state government), the legislative branch, and the offices of the elected officials for FY27.

For the SDDOT, our budget request as recommended by the Governor, was revised downward in two areas. The first reduction was in authority for railroad construction activities. Our current budget is set at \$14.8 M. We had requested an additional \$40.6 M that would have provided a total budget authority of \$55.4M. In lieu of the \$40.6 M, they approved \$30.6 M. The other reduction was for all other construction expenditure (highways, bridges, and airport construction). The Legislature reduced this budget center down \$20M in federal fund authority, from \$795 M to \$775 M. **Overall, SDDOT's FY27 budget authority is: \$729K in general funds, \$863.5M in federal fund authority and \$406.5M in other fund authority, giving us a total budget of approximately \$1.271 billion.**

As part of the general appropriations bill, a 1.4% salary increase was approved for all eligible employees. While the state's health plan deductibles did increase slightly, premiums were not increased.

Find my 2026 legislative session analysis with more budgetary details on the Intranet at <https://intranetdot.sd.gov/docs/Homepage/InformationInterchangeMarch9.pdf>.

2026 Planned Construction Map:

<https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/construction-projects/> (or click on either graphic)

The **SDDOT 2026 Planned Construction Map** has been posted to our website. This map provides a statewide overview of major highway projects anticipated during the upcoming construction season.

The map highlights project locations across South Dakota and serves as a planning tool for staff, partners, and the traveling public. By offering a complete look at planned work, the resource supports coordination efforts and helps travelers better prepare for potential impacts throughout the construction season. Click on any project on the map to find additional details including project type, location, local contact, contractor, and the contract amount.

2026 Planned Construction Map

2026 Construction Projects

Improvement: Grading, Interim Surfacing, Replace Str RCBC, Approach Slab

Location Description	5028 - Frn Exitrline to 5025
Highway	28
Segment Length	3.760
Improvement Type	Grading, Interim Surfacing, Replace Str RCBC, Approach Slab
PCN	04441
County	DeWitt, Hamlin
DOT Area Engineer	Matt Bray
DOT Area Phone Number	605/852-5166
Contractor	BOWEN CONSTRUCTION, INC
Contractor Contact	Cole Schwalder
Contractor Address	2915 22ND AVENUE S BROOKINGS SD 57006-6521
Contract Amount	10.39
Project Website	View

VIEW MAP

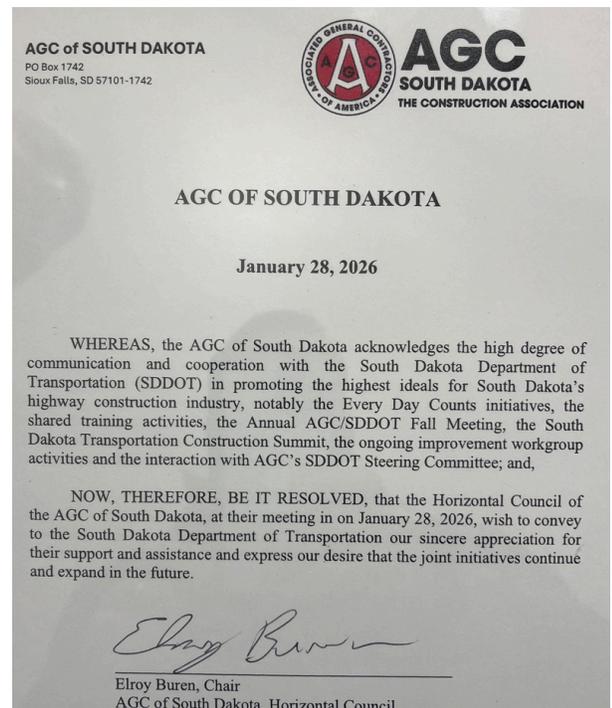
SDDOT/AGC Industry Summit in Oacoma

At our recently held industry summit, the AGC of South Dakota formally recognized its strong and collaborative partnership with SDDOT. In an official proclamation, the AGC acknowledged the high degree of communication, cooperation, and mutual support between the two organizations to continuously promote industry excellence.

The AGC expressed sincere appreciation for SDDOT staff support and assistance, while also affirming a shared interest to see these collaborative initiatives continue and expand in the future.

This recognition is a direct reflection of our employees' commitment to building strong working relationships and delivering high-quality construction projects that uphold the expectations of both organizations and the public.

As an organization, SDDOT is very appreciative of our working relationship with the AGC; a partnership built on trust, professionalism, and a common goal to deliver safe, efficient, and high-quality transportation infrastructure projects across the state of South Dakota.





March Mentoring Minute: Join SDDOT's 2026–2027 Mentoring Program

By: Kellie Beck and Tim Wicks

Are you ready to grow your skills, expand your network, and accelerate your impact at DOT? The SDDOT Mentoring Program pairs team members across divisions to share experience, build confidence, and cultivate leadership—whether you're a first-time mentee, a seasoned mentor, or both.

Recruitment timeline:

- **Recruitment Kickoff:** Announced in Sec. Jundt's **Information Interchange** on March 5, 2026.
- **Registration Window:** March 5–27, 2026 (apply during this period)
- **Orientation (Speed Mentoring):** April 8, 2026 (10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

Getting signed up is easy!

- Go to www.mentoringconnection.com
- Click on the **Become a Member** button and enter the Group ID: **SDDOT**
- Returning Mentors can activate their profile and application and don't need to register again.

What you'll gain:

- **Career development:** Clarify goals, build new competencies, and receive practical guidance tailored to your role.
- **Connections & visibility:** Form cross-department relationships and learn how different areas of DOT collaborate to deliver results.
- **Confidence & momentum:** Access a sounding board for decisions, stay accountable to growth plans, and translate learning into impact.

Since 2007, DOT's mentoring program has helped colleagues grow, lead, and thrive. We continue to refine the program each year based on participant feedback to keep it fresh and impactful. Take the next step in your development—sign up, show up, and make this the year you invest in yourself and the future of transportation in South Dakota through mentoring.



Mentoring Upcoming Events:

Orientation (Speed Mentoring)

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 (10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center – Ft. Pierre

Dynamic Mentoring Connection Kickoff

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center – Ft. Pierre

Make Time for Mentoring!



A Value Based Approach to Safety Leadership

By: Chuck Layton, Safety Manager

In keeping with last month's introduction and announcing our Safety Value Principles with the foundation for our Zero Accident and Incident Mindset and approach, I would like to introduce the six (6) basic principles to our process.

Six (6) levels creating A Value Based Approach to Safety Leadership:

1. **Values vs. Priorities** (The most important concept of our Value Based-Zero Incident Culture)
2. **Proactive vs. Reactive**
3. **Recognition vs. Incentive.**
4. **Team Cooperation vs. Individual Aggression**
5. **Prevention vs. Complacency**
6. **Performance vs. Compliance**

All six (6) of these can be summed up into one really important concept "**Accountability**".

(1) Values vs. Priorities

If there are values stated, all business conducted is within those value expectations. There is no compromise and employee performance is centered on those values. Deviation from our agency's values results in coaching or termination, depending on the perceived impact of that action.

A priority changes when circumstances change. If you have ever made a "To Do" list for the day, only to find that you can't get to your list because of other things that came up, you recognize that priorities change. If safety is only a priority, then it can disappear when deadline pressures arise.

Example: a vital piece of machinery has just seized and production grinds to a halt. An employee is supposed to lock-out the machinery before beginning work on it, but the lock-out procedure will take longer than the 30 seconds of exposure it would take to remove the blockage. What do you tell the employee to do? When safety is an element of our culture, rather than a priority, the lock-out procedure supersedes the time to follow it.

Safety must be one of those unchanging, un-wavering, uncompromised values. Business is not conducted unless safety is one of the ingredients that make up that business. Safety is not a piece of "Our Culture" but one of many balanced ingredients that make us successful. Just as we cannot remove customer service or product quality, we cannot remove safety. I use an analogy of making a cake: take away one ingredient, you create a deformed or bad cake. Without all the required ingredients in the appropriate measured amounts it's bad, the same with our daily business we won't maintain a high-quality functioning business for long. Safety is one of those ingredients.

Our **Safety Values** must align with: "**Better Lives through Better Transportation**".



Finance Corner

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: VOUCHER DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS

REMINDER

DELETIONS:

When requesting a voucher to be deleted, please email **Brandy Hansen (1st point of contact)** or **Tracy Boom (2nd point of contact)** the following information:

- Vendor Number
- **Invoice** Number (not the voucher number)
- Dollar Amount of Voucher
- **Explanation of why the voucher needs to be deleted**

This information will ensure the correct voucher is deleted.

CORRECTIONS:

When requesting changes to be made on a voucher that has already been entered, please email **Brandy Hansen (1st point of contact)** or **Tracy Boom (2nd point of contact)** the following information:

- Vendor Number
- Invoice Number (not the voucher number)
- Dollar Amount of Voucher
- Detail of requested change(s)
 - Company, Account or Center changes
 - DOT project coding changes:
 - Contract numbers, inventory ticket numbers, item codes, equipment number, etc
 - Item description changes

We cannot make changes to the following:

- **Invoice Number**
- **Invoice Date**
- **Total Amount of Invoice**

The voucher will need to be deleted & re-entered with an "X" behind the invoice number.

This information can also be found in the DOT Accounting Procedures Manual at:

<https://intranetdot.sd.gov/docs/fin/AccountingProceduresManual.pdf>.

Fleet Focus - Voyager Cards

As a reminder, if you use a Voyager card to get fuel, please legibly write the following on the receipt:

- Your Name
- Vehicle # (license plate)
- Odometer

Please refer to the Fleet Management Manual on the intranet (<https://intranetdot.sd.gov/docs/SDDOTFleetManagement.pdf>) for more information on when a Voyager card can be used and other information on SDDOT vehicles and equipment.



2026 SD Airports Conference

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Ramkota Hotel, 920 West Sioux Ave. in Pierre

This conference is for airport managers, finance officers, elected officials, and other city/county personnel to learn more about how to better run their local airport. Many consultants and aviation vendors were also in attendance as this conference is a great networking opportunity for everyone.

Find additional information at <https://dot.sd.gov/transportation/aviation/airports-conference/>.



SDDOT 101 for New Employees - April 21-22, 2026

SDDOT 101 is a course designed for newer employees in the SDDOT and is aimed at providing a comprehensive and engaging introduction to our organization.

Employees should attend SDDOT 101 who are in their position between three and nine months. If you are a new employee, please double check that this training has been assigned to you in **SDLearn**.

Questions? Reach out to Jaynie Spier at Jaynie.spier@state.sd.us or 605-291-5418.



BISON Update

As noted earlier, the BISON team and BFM determined that a “go live” date of July 1, 2026, is not possible to fully implement the system. More details will be shared as available.

The monthly **KDSR (Know, Do, Share, Report Back)** is your go-to resource for staying informed about BISON and accessing key information. We encourage you to review it, share it with your teams, and post it around the office to keep everyone in the loop

Here is the latest KDSR:

[February 2026 KDSR](#)

If you have any questions or feedback, the BISON team is here to help, reach out at BISON@state.sd.us.

SDDOT Branded Apparel Online Store

Now Open through Friday, May 8, 2026

SDDOT staff favorites are still available in the store, along with new spring/summer options. There are over 40 items available in a range of styles and price points.



Three Ways to access the SDDOT Online Store . . .

- https://stores.inksoft.com/sddot_apparel_store/shop/home
- https://intranetdot.sd.gov/SDDOT_Branding.aspx
- Use the QR code



Please note this order is optional and paid by each employee via a personal credit card. Work-related safety apparel (as purchased by SDDOT) is completed through area offices.

Shopping experience:

- There are various colors and sizes available for each clothing option. As shown, the logo is being printed in white to offset the clothing colors per our branding standards.
- The online store shows the cost of each item without tax. (Tax is applied at check out).
- Clothing items 2X and larger do have an additional charge per item, to be added at check out.
- No additional fees are charged to an order for embroidery, credit card fees, or shipping/handling.
- The logo is screen printed on t-shirts and is embroidered on all other items.

Placing an order:

- Once an employee decides what items (color and sizing) to order within the cart, he/she will be prompted to provide name/address/credit card information to complete the process.
- Each employee will need to complete the address information which is tied to the personal credit card being used. **(You do NOT need to "sign in" or "log in" to place an order.)**
- When the order is submitted, the employee's credit card will be charged.
- The employee receives a confirmation email from geffdogdesignandapparel@myorder.design. The subject line is **"SDDOT Order"**. If you DON'T receive confirmation; please email info@geffdog.com.

Distribution:

- All orders will be produced once the store closes at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026.
- Distribution will be done via each region/area and through Central Office. Orders WILL NOT be sent directly to home addresses.
- All items that the employee purchased will be pre-packaged together in a clear bag with a sheet inside showing the employee name, order summary, etc.
- Since this is a personal apparel order, **please note that exchanges will not be available.**
- For order questions (sizing questions); please feel free to contact Jana, our Geffdog sales representative, at info@geffdog.com.

Please note the SDDOT logo files are on the Intranet in the **SDDOT Branding** tab at https://intranetdot.sd.gov/SDDOT_Branding.aspx if you would like to use your own local vendor.

Pheasantland Industries - New Ordering Process

Pheasantland Industries has gone to a new format for ordering items in the shops. Personal emails will still be sent to the supervisor's state email.

All orders for SDDOT and even personal purchases must be sent to the general email for the assigned shop. This is to make sure all orders are addressed, and nothing falls through the cracks. The respective emails for Pheasantland Industries shops are below:

- Pheasantlandprint@state.sd.us
- Pheasantlandsign@state.sd.us
- Pheasantlandupholstery@state.sd.us
- Pheasantlandbraille@state.sd.us
- Pheasantlandlicenseplates@state.sd.us
- Pheasantlandcommissary@state.sd.us
- Pheasantlandapperarel@state.sd.us
- Pheasantlandcabinets@state.sd.us

Complete Your Health Assessment and Annual Wellness Exam!

Don't Miss the Rewards' Deadline:
April 1, 2026!

LiveWellSD
Make every day count

The Rewards Deadline Will Be Here Soon!

The new year is here, which means the deadline for earning the incentive rewards for FY27 is coming up.

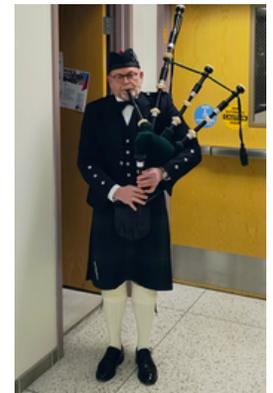
Complete your Health Assessment and Annual Wellness Exam with blood work by **April 1st** to earn the reward!

Log in at: <https://livewellsd.sd.gov>, or scan the QR code below to learn more!

SCAN HERE!

St. Patrick's Day Serenade

Many thanks to Joel Gengler for playing the bagpipes throughout the Becker-Hansen Building in celebration of St. Patrick's Day!



March Watercooler

March topics include:

1. Capitol Dome Restoration
2. Power Up Summit Registration
3. Open Enrollment is Coming
4. Upcoming Benefits Fairs
5. Annual Wellness Exam
6. Well-Being Incentives
7. Well-Being Contribution

Your Monthly Update in Just Five Minutes!

State of South Dakota
BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION

March Watercooler

This month's topics:

1. Capitol Dome Restoration
2. Power Up! Summit Registration
3. Open Enrollment is Coming
4. Upcoming Benefits Fairs
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Click here to watch! ↓

[Click the graphic to watch on YouTube.](#)

Snowplow Naming Meet and Greet Community Events

Find more (photos and videos) at <https://dot.sd.gov/inside-sddot/of-interest/sddot-snowplow-naming-contest/>

Aberdeen Area - Feb. 26, 2026

Iceorilla met the 4th and 5th graders at Trinity Lutheran School



Many thanks to the SDDOT team for making this event possible at Trinity Lutheran School including Mike Johnson, Aberdeen Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Ben Hammer, Highway Maintenance Worker, and Robert Heupel, Highway Maintenance Worker.



Watertown Area - March 5, 2026

Scraping By met Mike Marshall of Bryant



Thanks to the Hayti Maintenance Shop for hosting our winner! Group photo includes Alan Salo (Highway Maintenance Worker), Mike Marshall (Watertown Area contest winner), Mike Voelsch (Lead Highway Maintenance Worker), and Keith Palo (Highway Maintenance Worker).



Mobridge Area - March 16, 2026

White Out Warrior meets the 6th grade class from McIntosh



Thanks to the John Villbrandt, Mobridge Area Engineer and team for coordinating this event. The students loved signing the plow blade! Pictured back row (L to R): A student, teacher, Mrs. Brandi Maier, Superintendent, Tyler Mareska, Principal Steve Schoenfish, **Arlen Halverson, Lead Highway Maintenance Worker (McIntosh), Kyle Maier (Highway Maintenance Worker (McIntosh), and Raymond "RJ" Joens, Highway Maintenance Supervisor (Eagle Butte).**

Watch the KFJR TV news segment at <https://shorturl.at/q4zzj>.



SDDOT and NDDOT co-host this annual contest to engage people of all ages to continually promote safety and to raise awareness about available traveler resources. **The contest officially began with voting in the Thaw-tful 32 Round on Saturday, March 21, 2026!**

Below are tournament predictions made by Gov. Rhoden, Sec. Jundt, and the Directors! Of course, they all picked a SDDOT plow name to advance through the brackets, and take the championship over NDDOT; just as **Thaw Patrol (from Winner Area)** did last year!

Snowplow Picks . . .

- **Gov. Rhoden: Rhinestone Plowboy**
- **Sec. Jundt: Mount Slush NO More**
- **Mike Behm: Betty White-Out**
- **Kellie Beck: Mount Slush NO More**
- **Craig Smith: Sleddy Roosevelt**

When providing his pick, **Governor Rhoden** noted, "We are ready to take down North Dakota in this year's Battle of the Blades. This isn't South Dakota's first Road-eo."

Please vote for SDDOT plows throughout the contest at <https://dot.sd.gov/inside-sddot/of-interest/snowplow-blizzard-bracket/>. Voting rounds (with dates) are on the website. Updated voting forms are available as each round progresses.

Dakota News Now: <https://www.dakotaneWSnow.com/2026/03/16/sd-dot-facing-off-against-nd-dot-blizzard-bracket-snowplow-naming-contest/>

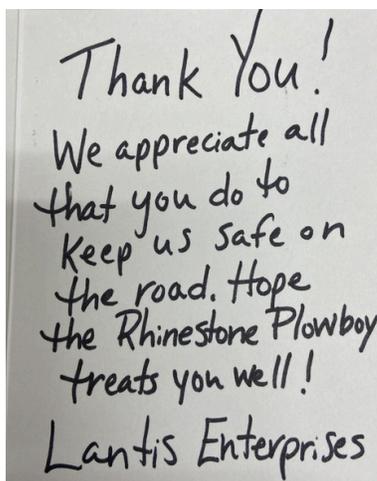
KFYR TV in North Dakota: <https://shorturl.at/q4zzj>



Belle Fourche Area - March 19, 2026

Rhinestone Plowboy met the Lantis Enterprises staff in Spearfish!

In the group photo from left to right are Kelly Chaffin, Shannon Hegdahl, Carmen Hall, Merida Smith, (snowplow name winner) Kristie Charles, Deb Ring and **Justin Till, Buffalo Lead Highway Maintenance Worker**. Justin is the driver of Rhinestone Plowboy.

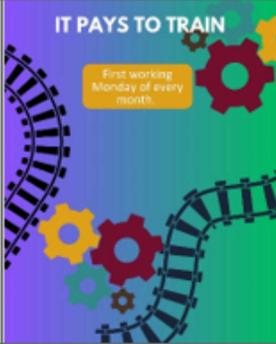


TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Learn ~ Engage ~ Improve



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SIMPLIFIED CODING FOR ALL TRAINING COURSES: Use function 1175; no AFE needed!	
 	<p><i>It Pays to Train</i> highlights SDDOT's core values.</p> <p>Stewardship in Pavement Management</p> <p>Date: Monday, April 13, 2026, 11 a.m. CST/ 10 a.m. MST Location: Teams</p> <p>Ask DOTLMS@state.sd.us for a meeting invite so we are on your calendar each month!</p>
	<p>Basic Computer Skills May 12 1 – 2:30 p.m. CDT Aberdeen May 13 9 – 10:30 a.m. CDT Sioux Falls</p>
	<p>TLN: Emotional Intelligence: Making your EQ Work for you at Work Mar. 31 12:30 – 4 p.m. CDT Zoom Apr. 1 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT Zoom</p> <p>TLN: Unique & Challenging Roadways Roundtable Conversation Apr. 8 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. CDT Zoom</p> <p>TLN: Leading Well: The Modern Manager's Toolkit Apr. 29 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. CDT Zoom</p>
	<p>TLN: Construction Inspection Basics Apr. 7 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. CDT Zoom</p> <p>TLN: Plan Reading Roundtable Conversation Apr. 20 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. CDT Zoom</p> <p>TLN: Road Sign Design, Installation, Maintenance Apr. 21 9:30 – 11 a.m. CDT Zoom</p>
	<p>TLN: Concrete Pavement Preservation & Grinding Mar. 25 9:30 – 11 a.m. CDT Zoom</p>
	<p>TLN: Fundamentals of Bridge Maintenance Mar. 17 9:30 – 11 a.m. CDT Zoom</p> <p>TLN Construction Surveying Basics, part 1 Mar. 19 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. CDT Zoom</p> <p>TLN Construction Surveying Basics, part 2 Mar. 24 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. CDT Zoom</p>
	<p>TLN: Tractor Mower Operator Safety Training Mar. 26 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT Zoom</p>



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Training continued

	<p>National Traffic incident Management (TIM) Responder Training – Register at Office of Emergency Management. Mar. 31 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT Sioux Falls Mar. 31 1 – 5 p.m. CDT Sioux Falls Apr. 1 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT Sioux Falls Apr. 21 1 – 5 p.m. CDT Aberdeen Apr. 22 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT Aberdeen</p>
	<p>Aspen Aerial Bridge Unit Training Mar. 31-Apr. 1 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CDT Aberdeen</p>
	<p>NEW Online Courses</p> <p>Dynamic Message Sign Standards & Vanguard Messaging Procedures</p> <p>Maintenance Manual Overview</p> <p>IPT March: Benefits Open Enrollment</p> <p>Buy Americal Informational Webinar</p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div>
<p>NO MORE AFE'S FOR TRAINING! Use function 1175</p>	

One-Day Training Event for Administrative Professionals and Frontline Staff!



POWER UP ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS & FRONTLINE TEAMS SUMMIT

- April 22 - Pierre**
Capitol Lake Visitor's Center
- April 23 - Sioux Falls**
Sioux Falls One Stop
- Admission**
\$175

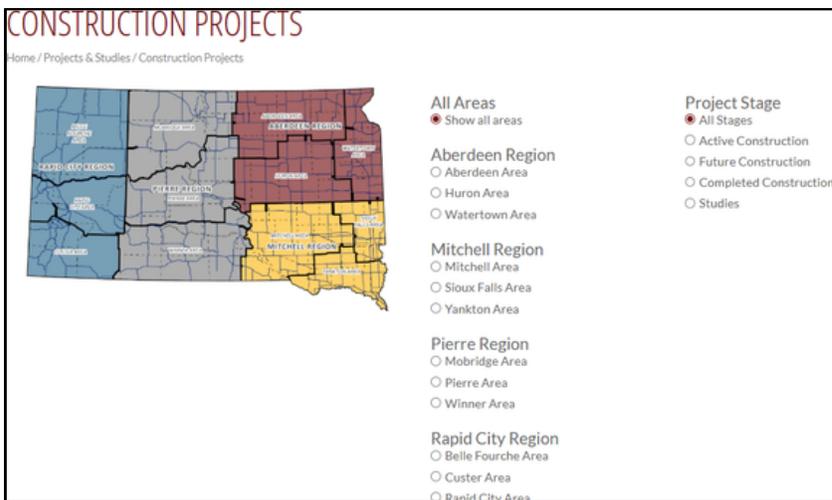


Featuring speaker Laurie Guest

- 8:30am | Check-In
- 9:00am | **Life in the Espresso Lane : How to be Smooth, Bold, and Balanced in a Fast-Paced World**
 - Make yourself indispensable at work
 - Distinguish yourself positively in any group
- 11:00pm | Break for Lunch
- 1:00pm | **From Silos to Synergy: Making Teamwork Click**
 - Maintain work/life balance
 - Strengthen rapport with coworkers
 - Improve communication across roles and departments

Email BHRTraining@state.SD.US to Register!

A New Look on Featured Construction Projects



This construction season, staff and the public will notice an improved experience when exploring featured project pages on the SDDOT website. The updated layout highlights key project details in a more visual and mobile-friendly format, making it easier to understand timelines, impacts, and project benefits at a glance.

Users can now quickly navigate to projects by selecting their region on the interactive statewide construction map. Once inside a project page, enhanced design elements, including clearer headings, improved graphics, and streamlined content, will help readers find information easier.

Users can quickly see which projects offer a text notification option, making it easy to stay connected and receive major updates on construction progress.

Ways to Engage:

- 1 Text Notifications:**
Text Euclid to 605-566-4041
- 2 Project Website:**
<https://dot.sd.gov/euclid>
- 3 SD511 Traveler Information:**
<https://www.sd511.org/>
- 4 Pierre Area Office:**
605-773-5294

S.D. HIGHWAY 1889 - EUCLID AVE

Home / Construction Projects / Pierre Region / Pierre Area / S.D. Highway 1889 - Euclid Ave

[Project Home](#) [Contacts](#) [Public Involvement](#) [Additional Resources](#)

SD DOT

S.D. Highway 1889 (Euclid Avenue)
Pierre

Project Highlights:

- Urban Grading
- Curb and Gutter
- Traffic Signals

Ways to Engage:

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Schedule:

- Year One: Spring 2025 - Fall 2025
- Year Two: Spring 2026 - Nov. 2026

Location:

- S.D. Highway 1889 - Euclid Ave

Benefits:

- Urban Grading
- Curb and Gutter
- Traffic Signals

Estimated Cost:

- 26.4 Million

Contractor:

- Morris Inc.

PCN: 026Z

STATEWIDE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PAGE

S.D. HIGHWAY 1889 - EUCLID AVE

Home / Construction Projects / Pierre Region / Pierre Area / S.D. Highway 1889 - Euclid Ave

[Project Home](#) [Contacts](#) [Public Involvement](#) [Additional Resources](#)

Featured project pages now include a new navigation bar that makes it easier to find important information. The **Project Home** tab provides an overview of the project and key details. The **Contacts** tab lists SDDOT and contractor contact information. **Public Involvement** includes public meeting materials and related press releases, while **Additional Resources** may link to partner agency or contractor project webpages.

The sidebar on the featured project pages highlights important information such as project location, timelines, traffic impacts, and contact resources in one convenient view. This enhancement helps demonstrate project scope and status while improving overall navigation and usability.

Explore the updated **Construction Project Pages** here: <https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/construction-projects/>

Crockpot Cook-Off Championship at Central Lab

For the last four weeks, a tournament has been held at the Central Lab in Pierre. A tasty one at that. Nine members of the lab competed for the right to be the **Crockpot Cook-off Champion**. The first leg of the championship was a battle between **Adeline Abernathy** and her Top-of-the-Line Beef Pot Roast, **Brian Hipple** and his Chaco, and **Montana Mraz** with his Pizza in a Pot.

Adeline took the gold with all first place votes. The following week was a matchup between **Tom Grannes** and his Finest Pheasant, **Clayton Koop** and his Shrimp Boil, and **Darin Hodges** with his Skywalker Chili. Tom emerged victorious in the second week of competition. The last wave of competitors were **Micah Howard** and his Yam & Ham, **Joel Lancaster** with his "Definitely not Roadkill" queso dip, and **Jordan Pierce** with his Best there's ever Bean. Jordan forged on as champion of the third week. The final battle took place amongst the three weekly champions.

Who emerged as the champion among champions?



Gold: **Adeline Abernathy** "Top-of-the-line Beef Pot Roast" (middle)

Silver: **Jordan Pierce** "Best there's ever Bean" (left)

Bronze: **Tom Grannes** "Finest Pheasant" (right)

- Adeline received the official trophy, a comfy camp chair, and of course, bragging rights for a year.
- Jordan earned a camo SDSU Jackrabbits hat and a nice tumbler.
- Tom won a new shirt that he owned and a 3 qt. slow cooker.

All enjoyed four weeks of fantastic food and good company.

Need a New Professional Photo?

The SDDOT communications team is taking professional photos in Pierre. All interested staff are welcome to have a photo taken.

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Time: 12 p.m. (noon) – 3 p.m.

Location: Becker Hansen Building - Room 109 (Project Bison Office space)

There is no need to preregister for photos! Please mark your calendar and stop as your schedule allows during the allotted time.



Congratulations to **Danae Dean, Auditor (Pierre)**, on the birth of her son, **Louis Edward Dean**, on March 3, 2026.

Louis weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20.75 inches long.

SDDOT Employee News and Updates

March New Hires:

- Kaylie Rathbun, Senior Secretary (Pierre)
- Daniel Kirkegaard, Highway Maintenance Worker (Mitchell)
- Kelly Tramp, Construction Technician/Asphalt Mix Design Journey Trans. Tech (Pierre)
- Scott Big Eagle, Construction Technician/Driller (Pierre)
- Dean Moller, CAD Technician/Structural CAD Technician (Sioux Falls)
- Kyle Green, Highway Maintenance Worker (Murdo)

March Promotions/Lateral Position Updates:

- John Weeldreyer, Foundation Engineer (Pierre)

March Longevity:

- James Bieber, Journey Transportation Technician – 20 years (Mobridge Area)
- Lee Lindsley, Region Materials Technician – 20 years (Rapid City Region)
- Noel Pothast, Traffic Data Analyst – 25 years (Central/ Transportation Inventory Management)
- Jim Costello, Asphalt Mix Design Engineer – 25 years (Central/ Materials & Surfacing)
- Mark Malone, Road Design Engineering Manager – 25 years (Central/ Road Design)
- Dave Coley, Bridge Management Engineer – 35 years (Central/ Bridge Design)
- Sheila Jandt, Bridge Cost Analyst – 35 years (Central/ Bridge Design)
- Brett Rice, Project Technician – 35 years (Custer Area)
- Brad Letcher, Area Engineer – 35 years (Huron Area)



Brad Letcher, Huron Area Engineer, received his **35-year** longevity pin.



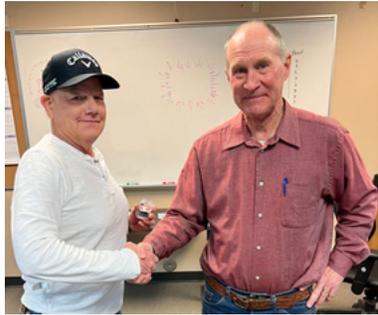
Brett Rice, Custer Area Project Technician (right) received his **35-year** longevity pin from **Tim Wicks, Custer Area Engineering Manager.**



Mark Peppel, Project Engineer (Winner), (left) received his **30-year** longevity pin from **Brad Norrid, Winner Area Engineering Manager.**

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James Bieber, Mobridge Area Journey Transportation Technician, (left) received his **20-year** longevity pin from **Eric Stroeder, Mobridge Area Engineering Supervisor.**



Jim Costello, Asphalt Mix Design Engineer (Pierre) (left) received his **25-year** longevity pin from **Tom Grannes, Materials Engineer Manager (Pierre).**



Jack Dokken, Air, Rail & Transit Administrator (Pierre), received his **15-year** longevity pin from **Kellie Beck, Director of Finance & Management (Pierre).**



Earl Berg, Project Delivery Engineer (Pierre) received his **15-year** longevity pin from **Mark Leiferman, Project Development Program Manager (Pierre).**



Kyle Watkins, DBE Program Coordinator (Pierre), received his **15-year** longevity pin from **June Hansen, Civil Rights Compliance Specialist (Pierre).**



In Sympathy with our co-workers:



Sympathy is extended to **Rayleen Rathbun, Sr. Secretary - Air, Rail, Transit (Pierre)**, **Nicole Brooks, Sr. Secretary - Operations Support, Research and ITS (Pierre)** and **Kaylie Rathbun, Sr. Secretary - Materials & Surfacing (Pierre)** on the recent passing of their father (Rayleen and Nicole) and grandfather (Kaylie).

Carl Rathbun of Fort Pierre passed away on March 17, 2026.

Mass of Christian burial was held on March 24, 2026, at St. John's Catholic Church in Fort Pierre.



Sympathy is extended to **Rocky Matson, Railroad Transportation Specialist (Pierre)** on the recent passing of his father.

Melwood "Chris" Matson passed away on March 11, 2026, in Idaho Falls, ID.

A celebration of life was held on March 16, 2026. Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot, ID provided the cremation services.



Sympathy is extended to **Mary Hoyt, State Highway Funding Specialist (Pierre)** on the passing of her sister-in-law.

Vicky Lynn (Williams) Hattum passed away on March 3, 2026.

A funeral service was held on March 10, 2026, at the First United Methodist Church in Pierre with burial at Scotty Philip Cemetery in Ft. Pierre.



Sympathy is extended to is **Brandy Hansen, Accounting Assistant (Pierre)** on the passing of her mother-in-law.

Janice Hardy, Pierre, passed away on March 1, 2026.