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Regents and Technical Institutes Reach Nearly 100 Transfer Agreements

VERMILLION, S.D. - An additional 15 articulation agreements between South Dakota's public universities and the state's technical institutes were approved today by the South Dakota Board of Regents. Previously, the Board of Regents and the Board of Education had approved 80 agreements; the additional 15 will bring the total to 95 agreements.

"The purpose of these agreements is to identify specific programs that allow the transfer of technical school coursework to the universities," said Regents Executive Director Robert T. Tad Perry. "This gives people who have studied at the technical institutes the opportunity to seek continued education at the universities without having to start completely over. They are getting credit where credit is due."

The majority of the new agreements approved today involve the accounting and business programs at Northern State University and Western Dakota Technical Institute. Mitchell Technical Institute also inked an agreement with NSU's accounting program. The remaining agreements are between South Dakota State University and both WDTI's and MTI's agricultural technology programs.

"These agreements are opening doors to people who did not think it would be feasible for them to continue their education by allowing them to build on what they already learned. I applaud the efforts of the people working to create these agreements, both from the public universities and the technical institutes," said Regents President Harvey C. Jewett.

The public universities continue to work with the technical institutes to identify additional programs that might qualify for transfer credit. Recently, Southeast Technical Institute identified several programs that will be reviewed for possible agreements with the universities.