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Public Higher Education Joins in Cost-Saving Measures

PIERRE, S.D. – Recognizing the uncertain financial times facing this country and in support of Gov. Mike Rounds’ leadership as he responds in a fiscally prudent way, the eight institutions under South Dakota Board of Regents’ authority will join with state executive branch agencies to evaluate spending approaches in the coming months.

“Whereas university presidents and special school superintendents already review open positions on a regular basis, we’re asking them to give special attention to whether these positions are indeed critical and essential at this time,” said Regents Executive Director Robert T. Tad Perry. The presidents and superintendents also have been directed to take a more intensive review of all out-of-state travel requests, as well as large capital expenditure items.

“While it is necessary to maintain high quality educational opportunities for the citizens of South Dakota and continue to build our research enterprise to fuel the economy, this is the right time to redouble our efforts to ensure the careful use of public resources available to us,” Perry said.

The directive to university presidents and special school superintendents remains in effect for the foreseeable future, Perry said. “As a board, the regents have for many years made system efficiencies and standardization of internal business processes a major focus of our cost-saving efforts,” Perry explained. “This directive continues, expands, and intensifies that work as we move through these challenging economic times,” he said.