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New MBA Options Available at BHSU and USD

PIERRE, S.D. – Students interesting in pursuing a master of business administration degree in South Dakota have two new options available to them. The South Dakota Board of Regents Friday approved a professional MBA to be offered through The University of South Dakota, while Black Hills State University will offer the MBA in applied management.

“These two offerings will create additional options for students who want to earn an MBA, and will appeal to different segments of our student population,” explained Regents’ President Terry Baloun. “As our state diversifies and grows its economy, we must tailor our advanced degree programs to meet the unique needs of South Dakota’s workforce.”

USD already offers a traditional MBA program on campus in Vermillion, and is authorized to offer that degree statewide. Baloun emphasized that the two new MBA programs approved today are designed for different subsets of the student population.

The professional MBA to be offered by USD will be available at University Center in Sioux Falls, starting in spring 2011. It will prepare professionals who already have management experience for advanced leadership positions within business and industry. With management positions and financial operations increasing in number and complexity, this program is expected to help South Dakota meet a demand for senior-level professionals across many fields.

At Black Hills State, the MBA in applied management will be delivered in Rapid City at the University Center-Black Hills, starting in the fall of 2010. This particular program is designed for persons with minimal experience and limited preparation in a business curriculum, but who are active practitioners in business activities. The program focuses on the application of best practices in related areas of law, accounting, human resource management, small business management/entrepreneurship, international business, finance, marketing, and information technologies.