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## **Three Off-Campus Centers Serve Statewide Higher Education Needs**

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Reports prepared by three off-campus centers at Sioux Falls, Pierre, and Rapid City demonstrate the important role they play to increase student access to public higher education across South Dakota.

“Over the past decade, we have worked very hard to expand program offerings in the more highly populated areas of the state not directly served by a comprehensive public university,” said Terry Baloun, president of the Board of Regents. The three university centers have shown considerable growth during that time frame, while helping to reduce the financial burden of commuting to campus locations for many students, he said.

“Enrollment trends at each of these centers represent a significant percentage of the adult learners who are pursuing degree opportunities in South Dakota,” Baloun noted. “We know that a state benefits greatly from a more highly educated workforce, and these centers are helping our state to meet that goal.”

The annual reports covered activities under way at University Center-Sioux Falls, Capital University Center in Pierre, and University Center-Rapid City. Included in the highlights:

- **Capital University Center, Pierre** – Credit hour delivery this past year was up 20 percent in the fall and 32.6 percent in the spring semester, compared to those same semesters a year earlier. A new permanent location for Capital University Center, the Wallace R. Halverson Education Building, opened in the summer of 2009.
- **University Center-Sioux Falls** – A record number of students—3,482—were served in the summer, fall and spring terms this past year. More than 420 adults over the age of 50 also participated in non-credit educational courses and seminars through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC-Sioux Falls. Construction on a second classroom building will begin soon, replacing leased space currently occupied on the Southeast Technical Institute campus.
- **University Center-Rapid City** – Student credit hours delivered have increased by 1,759 hours in the past two years. By spring 2011, construction will be complete on a building to consolidate classrooms and faculty currently housed at various locations across Rapid City. Beginning this fall, Northern State University will offer a distance education program in banking and financial services at UC-Rapid City.