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SDSU, School of Mines Partner on New Ph.D. Degrees in Engineering

VERMILLION, S.D. – Collaboration between South Dakota State University and South Dakota School of Mines & Technology will lead to new doctoral degrees in civil and environmental engineering.

The South Dakota Board of Regents Wednesday approved a Ph.D. degree program in civil and environmental engineering at School of Mines and a Ph.D. degree in civil engineering at SDSU. Both programs will be implemented this fall.

Regents' officials say this new partnership allows for cost savings through the sharing of courses and equipment between the two universities. South Dakota is currently the only state without a Ph.D. program in civil or environmental engineering offered by its public university system. "Adding these new programs will assist South Dakota in growing and keeping its own engineering workforce," said Regents President Dean M. Krogman.

Job growth in these fields is outpacing the average growth rate for all occupations. Engineering expertise in infrastructure, construction, and sustainable development is in high demand, according to officials from both universities. Civil and environmental engineers also play an important part in developing renewable energy programs.