



Disability in the Workplace | A Free Lunch & Learn

On March 26th, Spearfish Economic Development Corporation partnered with the Workforce Diversity Network of the Black Hills to educate the Spearfish business community on the importance of accommodating and retaining disabled employees. Attendees received a free lunch while they heard from Employment Law Attorney Kathleen Barrow who covered a variety of employment law topics including harassment, types of disability, employee policy handbooks, and more. SEDC would like to thank both Kathleen and the Workforce Diversity Network for the informative presentation. View the full presentation here:

[Black Hills Workplace Law.ppt](#)



Women in Leadership Scholarship by SEDC

SEDC is seeking a candidate to attend Women in Leadership by SD CEO Women's Business Center for FREE! With this scholarship, you will receive professional development to help better understand and apply essential leadership skills, both personally and within an organizational context to include effective leadership, strategy formation, decision making, project management, communication skills and building stronger partnerships in workplaces and our community.

"I would absolutely recommend the Women in Leadership series. It's an incredible program that has changed many women's lives both personally and professionally."



- Jenni Tucker, 2018 SEDC Scholarship Recipient

Apply Today!

Applications must be completed and submitted by 11:59 pm Friday, April 26, 2019.

Groundbreaking for New Operations Center in Spearfish



A groundbreaking was held on April 8th for the new Black Hills Energy Operations Center at 455 Hillview Road in Spearfish. This facility will combine human resources and added space in order to become efficient in implementing a safe reliable service related to the operations of Black Hills Energy in the Northern Hills region.

"On behalf of Spearfish Economic Development, I would like to thank Black Hills Energy for not only their

investment in our community but also for their support of our organization," said Kory Menken, Executive Director of SEDC, at Monday's event. "2018 was a record-breaking year for commercial building in Spearfish. With exciting projects like this, 2019 is on track to be another outstanding year."

Vast Broadband Relocates Storefront in Spearfish

Increased business and traffic have prompted Vast Broadband to relocate their Spearfish store location to 1st Avenue.

The new location offers easy access for customers and a modern facility to showcase products and services. Customers can visit the store to test

products like IntelliHome and TiVo®, as well as upgrade their service plans or pay their bill in person.

“Vast has seen steady growth throughout the Black Hills. The new store better serves all our Northern Hills customers and showcases our growing product line. It’s a great fit for customers and our company,” said Chris Karn, regional director of operations at Vast Broadband.



More Economic Development News



Black Hills Pioneer:

[Council votes to dissolve Spearfish Business Park Covenants](#)

[High Plains Western Heritage Center upgrades provide greater accessibility](#)

[Mimosa Beauty Spa & Nails open in Spearfish](#)

[makeSPACE, new nonprofit, opening in Spearfish](#)

Newscenter1: [Black Hills Energy breaks ground on new operations center](#)

[Spearfish business leaders reflect upon 2019 Legislative Session](#)

[3rd Annual Wellness Fair coming up next month in Spearfish](#)

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BY THE NUMBERS

					Labor Force	2019	2018
					City of Spearfish		
Building Permits	2019	2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	Total Labor Force	6,099	6,074
New Residential	2		6		Total Employed	5,923	5,872
New Commercial	1		2		Total Unemployed	176	202
Total Permits	13	29	61	73	Percentage Unemployment	2.9%	3.3%
Total Dollars	\$2,284,466	\$3,362,104	\$ 6,796,342	\$6,621,033	Lawrence County		
					Total Labor Force	12,987	12,965
					Total Employed	12,595	12,497
					Total Unemployed	392	468
					Percentage Unemployment	3.0%	3.6%
					Northern Hills (Butte, Lawrence, Meade & Pennington counties)		
Sales Tax					Total Labor Force	87,756	86,437
2nd Penny Sales Tax	\$295,598	\$291,461	\$958,943	\$927,640	Total Employed	84,777	83,924
Hospitality Tax	\$47,105	\$41,922	\$137,288	\$130,625	Total Unemployed	2,979	3,513
					Percentage Unemployed	3.1%	4.2%

- Building Permits & Sales Tax based on most recent City of Spearfish report from March 2019.

- Labor Force Data based on most recent SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation report from February 2019.

Upcoming Events

SD CEO - WIN Luncheon

- Tuesday, April 9th, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Spearfish Holiday Inn & Convention Center '76 Room

The Hook - Young Professionals - How to Summer in Spearfish

- Tuesday, April 9th, 5:00-6:30 p.m., The Spearfish Recreation & Aquatics Center, 122 Recreation Ln.

Coffee & Connections - Highmark Credit Union

- Friday, April 12th, 8:00-9:00 p.m., Highmark Credit Union, 309 W Jackson Blvd.

Gone Fishin' Mixer

- Thursday, April 25th, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Black Hills Community Bank, 215 E Jackson Blvd.

Rescheduled Gone Fishin' Mixer

- Thursday, May 9th, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Dakota Title, 137 E. Colorado Blvd.

SD CEO - 10th Annual Celebrating Women In Business Luncheon & Awards

- Friday, May 17, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Spearfish Holiday Inn & Convention Center

SEDC Night at Spearfish Sasquatch

- Friday, June 14th, 6:35 p.m., Spearfish Sasquatch, 350 W Highway 14

Please share your upcoming events with fellow SEDC members and friends. Send your events to [Laine Mitchell](mailto:Laine.Mitchell@SEDC.com), SEDC Marketing Coordinator.

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Let's Be Friends!

