

SEDC Hosts Workforce Development Roundtable

Spearfish Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) recently hosted an informative roundtable discussion with local business leaders and representatives from Western Dakota Tech (WDT), Black Hills State University, and the Spearfish School District.

The goal of the discussion was to help further identify the workforce training needs of the Spearfish business community and the surrounding area. The input will also help WDT to move forward with their plans to expand services to the northern Black Hills.



“SEDC recognizes that for Spearfish to maintain a pattern of continued economic prosperity it is vital that we both grow and train our local labor force,” explained SEDC Executive Director Kory Menken. “SEDC is committed to helping ensure our local employers have access to a sustainable pipeline of trained talent now and into the future. We look forward to continuing to work with our private and public partners in strengthening local workforce development and attraction efforts.”

“WDT looks forward to a continued partnership with SEDC and the local business community as we identify additional opportunities to provide top quality technical education to the Spearfish area,” said WDT President Ann Bolman. “Together we can help create the educated labor market needed to promote growth and stability within the northern Black Hills.”

Learn more about SEDC’s workforce strategies in the [August issue of Black Hills Business Magazine](#)

Progress continues in Spearfish

Several new developments and buildings are in the final stages of completion all around Spearfish.



ONEOK, Inc. continues site work at their new location in the Spearfish Business Park. What a wonderful addition to our Spearfish community.



The new Black Hills Energy Operations Center at 455 Hillview Road continues to take shape with new siding and masonry completed in the last couple weeks.



Infrastructure and dirt work continues at Access Point Development located in the Spearfish Business Park. This development has lots for sale!



The Barn at Aspen Acres is set to be completed this week! Join us at their open house on September 7th from 4-8 PM.

More Economic Development News

[Dickey's Barbecue Pit expands to new space in Spearfish](#)



[HomeSource Furniture & Floors expands into new location in Spearfish](#)

Newscenter 1: [Tinton Trail added to National Forest System](#)

Black Hills Business: [MENKEN: Spearfish Economic Development's workforce strategy](#)

[Business briefs: Snippets of business activity across the Black Hills](#)

Black Hills Pioneer: [Dakota Electric relocates to Fairgrounds Loop in Spearfish](#)

Rapid City Journal: [Spearfish enjoying a vibrant business climate](#)

[The Black Hills Studios open in Spearfish, capturing moments through photography](#)

[Donations sought for land purchase near Spearfish hatchery](#)

[Final plan approved for 1st phase of Spearfish Canyon Village](#)

BY THE NUMBERS

Building Permits	2019	2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
New Residential	9		35	
New Commercial	2		7	
Total Permits	37	30	210	232
Total Dollars	\$6,276,002	\$3,616,327	\$23,335,486	\$31,406,597

Sales Tax	2019	2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
2nd Penny Sales Tax	\$436,616	\$438,111	\$2,200,364	\$2,180,207
Hospitality Tax	\$68,637	\$74,132	\$332,079	\$331,079

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

Labor Force	2019	2018
City of Spearfish		
Total Labor Force	6,404	6,334
Total Employed	6,229	6,159
Total Unemployed	175	175
Percentage Unemployment	2.7%	2.8%

Lawrence County		
Total Labor Force	13,642	13,485
Total Employed	13,245	13,108
Total Unemployed	397	377
Percentage Unemployment	2.9%	2.8%

Northern Hills (Butte, Lawrence, Meade & Pennington counties)		
Total Labor Force	93,202	92,405
Total Employed	90,468	89,754
Total Unemployed	2,734	2,651
Percentage Unemployed	2.9%	3.0%

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

Upcoming Events

Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce - The Community Fish Fry

- Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM, Spearfish City Park 119 S Canyon St, Spearfish, South Dakota 57783

Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce - August Coffee Connection

- Friday, August 16, 2019 at 8 AM – 9 AM, 3025 1st Ave #7 Spearfish, South Dakota 57783

SD CEO (Center for Enterprise Opportunity) - Fuel Your Success: Wellness in the Workplace

- Friday, August 16, 2019 at 9 AM – 4 PM, The Joy Center 1351 St. Joe St., Spearfish, South Dakota 57783

SD CEO (Center for Enterprise Opportunity) - 10th Annual Women's Business Conference

- Friday, October 18, 2019 at 9 AM – 4 PM, Lodge at Deadwood 100 Pine Crest Ln, Deadwood, South Dakota 57732

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

Let's Be Friends!

