



Technical College Equipment Funding

Board of Technical Education

Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$3,366,196 in one-time funding to support equipment priorities at four technical colleges: Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, Mitchell Technical College in Mitchell, Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls, and Western Dakota Technical College in Rapid City.

Benefits

The technical colleges provided a list of equipment priorities totaling \$5,024,173. The priorities would impact a variety of academic programs, including agriculture, automotive technology, construction technology, electrical trades, health sciences, law enforcement, manufacturing technology, and powerline. This will increase capacity in these high-need, in-demand programs, upgrade equipment that aligns with industry needs and expectations, and improve safety and security for both students and instructors.

State/Local Partnership

The recommended state appropriation would cover 67% of the total cost (\$3,366,196) of equipment priorities, with the remaining 33% (\$1,657,977) matched by the technical colleges. The 67/33 match aligns with the state appropriation the technical college system received to support equipment priorities during the 2020 legislative session. The state appropriation will be combined with local, federal, private, and industry support.