



Dakota State University Cyber Program Expansion

Governor's Office of Economic Development

Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$30,000,000 in one-time state general funds to enhance and expand cyber program offerings at Dakota State University (DSU) and launch the Governor's Cyber Academy in every South Dakota high school. This funding will be paired with \$50,000,000 from private contributions and \$10,000,000 from the city of Sioux Falls to promote the development of a full-fledged cyber research industry in South Dakota.

Project Description

This funding from the state will be used to significantly advance the university's applied research capabilities and provide the foundation for a new industry in the state. A new applied research lab will be constructed in Sioux Falls using private funds/contributions. The state's contributions will scale and enhance DSU's cyber programming. This will include doubling the size of DSU's Beacom College, hiring additional faculty, recruiting additional defense contracts, and ensuring the Governor's Cyber Academy is a part of every school district in the state, among other programming needs. The state's funding will also go toward developing a plan to attract and retain students to stay in South Dakota after graduating.

Funding

The Governor's recommended budget includes \$30,000,000 in one-time state general funds.