Governor Noem’s recommended budget includes $7,500,000 in one-time funding to support the new Archway Complex on the campus of Lake Area Technical College (LATC) in Watertown. The commitment from the State of South Dakota will be matched with $7,500,000 in private and local contributions from LATC.

The Archway Complex will increase overall student capacity and house learning and laboratory space to support a variety of academic programs, including Advanced Manufacturing, Business, Computer, Financial Services, and General Education. Due to local and state support, LATC will be able to construct the Archway Complex with no additional burden to students.

LATC projects the Archway Complex will create capacity for 250 additional students each year in high-demand programs. The complex will also relieve pressure in classroom and laboratory space throughout campus. The Archway Complex is a key component of the LATC Campus Expansion Plan, which was adopted in 2016 and also included the recently completed Prairie Lakes Healthcare Center for Learning.

The total estimated cost of design and construction of the Archway Complex is approximately $15,000,000. LATC is prepared to match the $7,500,000 from the State of South Dakota with $7,500,000 raised through their Capital Campaign. Supporters of LATC, industry partners, and members of the Watertown community recognize the importance of investing in the next generation of skilled professionals in South Dakota.