



Technical College Equipment Funding

Board of Technical Education

Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$4,818,836 in one-time general funds to support equipment priorities at South Dakota's 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.

Description

This investment would impact a variety of academic programs, including agriculture, nursing, automotive technology, construction, electrical trades, health sciences, law enforcement, manufacturing, and powerline. These equipment investments will allow the tech colleges to ensure their programs meet industry expectations, provide safety and security for both students and instructors, and grow capacity in high-demand areas.

Funding

The recommended state appropriation would cover 67% of the total equipment cost (\$7,192,292), with the remaining 33% (\$2,373,456) matched by the technical colleges. The 67/33 matching expectation aligns with the state support the technical colleges have received for equipment in recent fiscal years. The state appropriation will be combined with local, federal, private, and industry support.