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To Joint Committee on Appropriations:

Below, please find South Dakota One Call Notification Board's update for our 2023 – 2024 scholarship report. First, South Dakota One Call would like to take this opportunity to thank the Joint Committee on Appropriations for its continued support for the authority granted to work with technical colleges in the state. The expenditure authority of \$20,000 was established in January 2020 under a Letter of Intent, allowing South Dakota One Call to connect with Build Dakota and industry partners. Since 2020, South Dakota One Call Board has sponsored fifteen future excavators and utility students.

As established in the Letter of Intent, South Dakota One Call works with Build Dakota and an industry partner to sponsor students. South Dakota One Call works with the industry partner regarding sponsorship amounts. That amount is paid directly to the school. The sponsored students is required meet the Build Dakota requirements, maintain a "C" average or better, maintain the attendance requirement of the technical college and encouraged to attend a Damage Prevention Meeting held in the spring.

In 2021 – 2022 school year, South Dakota One Call awarded one scholarship through Mitchell Technical.

In 2022 – 2023, South Dakota One Call offered thirteen scholarships with Western Dakota, Lake Area and Mitchell Technical.

In 2023 – 2024, South Dakota One Call was did not match or partner with any students moving in to excavation or utility programs with the technical colleges.

South Dakota One Call continually works towards education of one call laws and fulfilling the Boards mission, I will reach out to technical colleges again early 2025 for further opportunities.

On behalf of the South Dakota One Call Notification Board, thank you for the continued support and authority granted to further build South Dakota's construction workforce!

Respectfully submitted,

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