

RTEC Announces New General Manager

The Board of Directors of the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) is pleased to announce that Josh Svatos has been named to succeed John Storm as the new full-time general manager of the organization.

"We are very fortunate to have found a young executive with such a driving interest in education," said Tom Bohnet, who is Chairman of the RTEC Board. "We look forward to utilizing not only his experience, but also the wealth of relationships and contacts that he will bring with him." Svatos, a native of Lakes Andes who has spent the past six years as an enrollment counselor at Mount Marty College in Yankton, is ready to tackle his new position.

"I am excited about becoming the new GM of RTEC," Svatos said. "This is a great opportunity and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead. Having been involved with education at all levels, I feel like I can bring different ideas to the table."

In addition to holding a B.S. degree in Speech Communications from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, Svatos' education includes completion of the Architectural Drafting and Building Construction program at Mitchell Technical Institute. His varied background includes experience in sales, marketing, customer service and management.

"RTEC is one of the best-kept secrets in Yankton and the surrounding region," Svatos said. "My goal is to make RTEC more visible and let the people know that RTEC is here to help educate and provide opportunities in the workplace."

After starting out as a satellite of Southeast Technical Institute, RTEC has grown into a private, non-profit corporation that operates in the Fox Run Industrial Park on Yankton's northwest side. It remains dedicated to developing and providing customized training solutions for regional employers and individuals who want to upgrade their skills in order to keep pace with today's changing workplace. Svatos, who resides in Yankton with his wife, Kerry, and their son, will begin his duties at RTEC after Memorial Day.

Storm, who became RTEC's first full-time general manager last August, is leaving to pursue other business ventures.

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