

Mitchell Tech Brings Classes to Yankton

Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI), in partnership with the South Dakota Department of Labor and the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) of Yankton, has launched the James Valley Displaced Worker Initiative. This joint project brings credit-based instruction from MTI to address the needs of current displaced, unemployed and underemployed workers in the Yankton area seeking career retraining.

Interested individuals were directed by the local Department of Labor office to apply for the program through RTEC. The local community contact for the initiative, Josh Svatos at RTEC, facilitated the application process. Students were admitted as full-time students to MTI and were eligible for federal financial aid.

The first year of the program prepares students to enter one of seven programs at MTI. Those programs include:

- Telecommunications
- Satellite Communications
- Automation Controls (SCADA)
- Electrical Construction & Maintenance
- Heating and Cooling Technology
- Propane & Natural Gas Technology
- Wind Turbine Technology

The first semester of the program, which began on Sept. 8, includes a careers class, a computer class, an introduction to electronic circuitry, and a technical writing class. All courses are designed to prepare students for more advanced study in several technical areas. Ultimately, a student will be able to complete an Associate of Applied Science degree. After one year of instruction in Yankton, students will complete their program at the Mitchell campus.

The program is being funded by the Department of Labor, the cities of Yankton and Huron, and MTI. Students may also qualify for additional funding through the Department of Labor.

For more information on the program or to find out how you can be a part of this exciting educational opportunity, please contact Josh Svatos at RTEC at (605) 668-5700.