



Southeast Technical Institute Equipment Proposal - State Appropriation through 2014 HB1142

During the 2014 legislative session, funding was made available for equipment through a special appropriation to the Department of Education for postsecondary technical education. STI has created a proposal and submitted to both the STI Council and the Sioux Falls School Board for approval and submission to the South Dakota Board of Education for approval. The STI Council has approved the proposal for use of the funds as well as the Sioux Falls School Board (December 8, 2014).

The proposal represents an effort on the part of Southeast Technical Institute to make technical education in South Dakota more affordable for those individuals wishing to enter the transportation industry as an Automotive, Collision-repair or Diesel technician.

Presently, students entering these technical education programs are required to purchase tools appropriate to their chosen field. These tools represent a significant investment for these students as tools cost from \$2,250 to \$3,300 per person, depending on program. In addition, tool storage costs range from \$995 to \$1,706. The burden in tool costs is a barrier for many students considering entering these programs.

This proposal would allow Southeast Tech to purchase tools and storage to supply up to 56 students in each of these programs. These tools would be owned and maintained by the institution, and would be made available to the student for use during lab exercises or live work as required by the approved curriculum.

Upon graduation from these programs, students will have the opportunity to purchase tools from approved vendors at the educational discount.

Action:

Southeast Technical Institute requests the approval of the South Dakota Board of Education to proceed to purchase.

Auto	Item	#	Cost	Total
	Tools	28	\$3,346	\$93,688
	Toolbox			
	26"	28	\$995	\$27,860
	Organizer	28	\$782	\$21,896
			Subtotal	\$143,444
Collision	Tools	28	\$3,509	\$98,252
	Toolbox			
	26"	28	\$995	\$27,860
	Organizer	28	\$782	\$21,896
			Subtotal	\$148,008
Diesel	Tools	28	\$5,220	\$146,160
	Toolbox	28	\$1,706	\$47,768
	Organizer	28	\$1,220	\$34,160
			Subtotal	\$228,088
			Total	\$519,540