Unemployment rate remains stable in S.D.

South Dakota's March 2012 preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3 percent, almost half the national unemployment rate of 8.2 percent.

The South Dakota seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has remained relatively stable during the first quarter of 2012. However, over-theyear labor force employment levels continue to increase.

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'The number of employed in the seasonally adjusted labor force increased by 5,200 people over the year," said State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts. "This over-the-year growth trend has continued since June 2010, reflecting continued job recovery for South Dakota.

Over the year, the total South Dakota seasonally adjusted nonfarm worker level increased by 1,300 workers. The largest number of jobs were added within the trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; and educational and health services industry sectors.

More detail about the statewide March labor force and nonfarm data is available on the Labor Market Information Center's "What's New" webpage at

http://dlr.sd.gov/lmic/what s_new.aspx.

An overview of the substate labor market will be released April 27 in the e-Labor Bulletin at http://www.sdjobs.org/

REDI Fund interest rate slashed

The 3-percent interest rate on new loans from South Dakota's Revolving Economic Development & Initiative (REDI) Fund will drop to 2 percent, effective immediately, Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced Monday.

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Development, which oversees the REDI Fund, made the decision.

With market conditions in today's economy constantly changing, periodically reviewing the rates and terms of our loan programs is essential to business development and growth," Daugaard said. ^{*}I'm pleased by the board's decision, and optimistic that this change in the finance charge will help stimulate South Dakota's economy."

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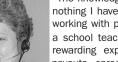
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