



MEDIA ALERT

UNIVERSITY CENTER TO HOST RIBBON CUTTING

SIOUX FALLS, SD – March 16, 2009 – South Dakota Public Universities and Research Center will host a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Wednesday, March 18th at 4:30 p.m. Governor Mike Rounds and Mayor Dave Munson will participate in the ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new University Center classroom and research facilities. The public is invited to attend the event.

The land and buildings at University Center's North Campus represent the first permanent investment the state of South Dakota has made toward public higher education in the Sioux Falls. Construction on the 60,000 square foot University Center classroom building was completed in mid-January, and classes began in the facility on January 20, 2009. The 21,000 square foot Graduate Education and Applied Research (GEAR) Center is scheduled to be occupied by early April.

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. followed by a reception and open house, during which the public is invited to tour the buildings. University Center's North Campus is located at the corner of 60th Street North and Career Avenue, just west of I-29 at exit 83.

About University Center

South Dakota Public Universities & Research Center, or University Center, provides the greater Sioux Falls community with convenient local access to public higher education programs from in-state partner Universities. University Center offers programs from the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University and Black Hills State University. At University Center the focus is on the adult learner and academic programs and courses that foster and support the economic development of the Sioux Falls area. Over the course of a year 3,400 students take classes at University Center and the campus is home to more than 60 degree programs.

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