



Q1 UPDATE



2024 | JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

**WORK HARD.
FACE THE CHALLENGE.
LEAD THE CHANGE.**

These are the core values at Elevate Rapid City. Each and every day our team is showing up to make Rapid City and the region a place people want to be.

Thank you for your continued support.

ELECTION RESOURCES

Use the QR Code to check out our [election resources](#) including the Business Toolkit and Candidate Guide:



ELEVATE RAPID CITY PRO-BUSINESS

2024 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Elevate took a position on 18 bills during the 2024 Legislative Session to advocate for the Rapid City business community. This pro-business scorecard reflects the voting record of local legislators on these key issues.

Pro-Business Champion

	APPROPRIATIONS					WORKFORCE						PUBLIC POLICY				EAFB		% OF PRO-BUS. VOTES
	SB16 SUPPORT	SB45 SUPPORT	SB53 SUPPORT	SB83 SUPPORT	SB134 SUPPORT	SB144 SUPPORT	HB1012 SUPPORT	HB1013 SUPPORT	HB1015 SUPPORT	HB1017 SUPPORT	HB1098 SUPPORT	HB1131 SUPPORT	SB111 SUPPORT	HB1163 SUPPORT	HB1194 SUPPORT	HB1041 SUPPORT	SB108 SUPPORT	
Rep. Dennis Krull (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rep. Kristin Conzet (32)*	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	—	✓	✓	—	—	—	—	✓	100%
Rep. Steve Duffy (32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rep. Becky Drury (34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rep. Mike Derby (34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sen. Helene Duhamel (32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sen. Mike Walsh (35)*	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	100%
Sen. David Johnson (33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	100%
Rep. Trish Ladner (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	94%
Rep. Curt Massie (33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	94%
Rep. Phil Jensen (33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	44%
Rep. Tina Mulally (35)	—	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	X	✓	38%
Rep. Tony Randolph (35)	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	33%
Sen. Julie Frye-Mueller (30)	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	28%

✓ Support Elevate's position X Oppose Elevate's position — Did not vote

*Rep. Kristin Conzet (32) and Sen. Mike Walsh (35) were appointed midway through the session. Sen. Michael Diedrich (34) was excused due to health reasons.

2024 Primary Election - June 4, 2024

Voter Registration Deadline - May 20, 2024

Absentee Voting Begins - April 19, 2024

2024 General Election - November 5, 2024

Voter Registration Deadline - October 21, 2024

Absentee Voting Begins - September 20, 2024

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

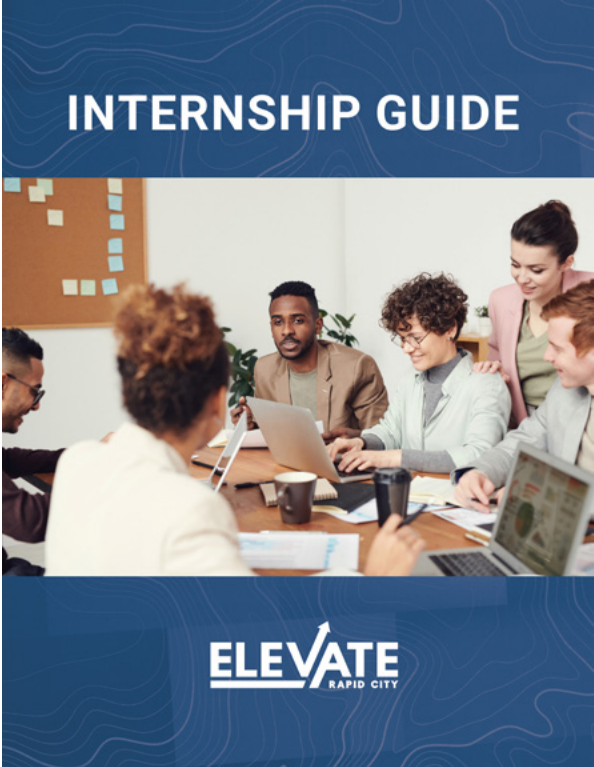
- Launched Internship Grant and Guide
- Over 60 Jobs Posted on the Elevate Rapid City Job Board
- Launched Bi-Monthly Workforce Newsletter
- Supported 22 Military Affiliates with Employment Goals
- 80 Employer Connections for Workforce Support
- 12 Cultural Awareness Touchpoints for Local Employers
- \$16,500+ Workforce Grants Awarded



CAREERS.ELEVATERAPIDCITY.COM

New Job Postings: 65
Job Exposures: 114,742

Use the QR Code to navigate to our [Job Board](#):



Scan the QR Code to view and download our free [Internship Guide](#):





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 3 Site Visits (Goal is 10 for 2024)
- 27 Active Projects in the Following Industries:
 - 10 Manufacturing*
 - 6 Technology*
 - 1 Construction*
 - 6 Retail*
 - 2 Information Technology*
 - 2 Professional and Business Services*

*These companies have committed to coming to Rapid City but not all have opened operations we can share publicly at this time.

INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- 100% DLAB Occupancy
- 1 New Tenant – AerSol



ELEVATE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



The 2024 ELI class concluded Sessions 5, 6, and 7. They graduate May 9th and [applications for the 2025 Class](#) will open. Scan the QR code for more information:



BUSINESS ADVOCACY

- At the 2024 Legislative Session:
 - Monitored 100+ Bills
 - Supported 26 Bills
 - Opposed 20 Bills
- 5 Big Wins:
 - \$10 Million for Public Airports
 - \$1 Million for Western Dakota Regional Water System
 - 4 Professional Licensing Compacts
 - \$1.4 Million for West River Fire Suppression Facilities
 - \$3 Million for a New Quantum Science Center, Including SD Mines
- Hosted 3 Legislative Crackerbarrels and Rapid City Day at the Legislature
- Received \$250,000 in Grant Funding to Support Childcare Initiatives



WELCOME NEW INVESTORS

KILIMANJARO

BLACK HILLS ROOFING

RAINIER

WEAR X APPAREL

OLYMPUS

BLACK HILLS CAREGIVING,
LLC.

C. LIEN EDUCATIONAL
CONSULTING FIRM

BRYAN CONSTRUCTION, INC.

TETON

HOW TO GROW

KOVACS CHIROPRACTIC PC

MINUTEMAN MARKETING

FREE YOUR MIND MASSAGE

PURE AIRE WELLNESS

SOUTH DAKOTA EDUCATION EQUITY
COALITION

GREAT PLAINS WELDING ACADEMY

LEAF FILTER GUTTER PROTECTION

SILENT GIANT, LLC.

ELEVATE REAL ESTATE
MANAGEMENT

FERMILAB (FERMI NATIONAL
ACCELERATOR LABORATORY)

FLAGPOLES BY MAXIMUM
PROMOTIONS

BASIC

SOUTH DAKOTA SERVICE DOGS

BUSINESSES ARE PEOPLE TOO

LAST MILE BREWERY

SOUTH DAKOTA SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

TOAST, INC.

HOLIDAY HILLS ESTATES

JUSTIN MCNEAL FOR CONGRESS

BATTERIES PLUS

DENT NOMAD

UNITING RESILIENCE

TRIVERITY ANALYTICAL, LLC.

OEO ENERGY SOLUTIONS

BY DESIGN CAPITAL, LLC.

DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

COLLECTIVE

FRIEND OF ELEVATE

STUCK, HAVEN

Q2 EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

April 17th – Small Business Lunch and Learn

Elevate Boardroom

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

April 23rd – Workforce Coffee Connection

DLAB Event Space

8:30 – 9:45 am

May 2nd – Critical Issues Luncheon

The Rushmore Hotel

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

May 9th – ELI Graduation

The Rushmore Hotel

5:00 – 7:00 pm

May 13th – Young Professionals Group Social

West River Electric

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

May 15th – Entrepreneur Happy Hour

DLAB Event Space

4:30 – 5:30 pm

May 21st – Inclusive Talent Strategies #2

DLAB Board Room

8:30 – 11:30 am

May 23rd – School & County Candidate Forum

DLAB Event Space

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

May 31st – Black Hills Forum & Press Club

The Holiday Inn

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

JUNE

June 6th – Critical Issues Luncheon

The Rushmore Hotel

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

June 11th – Elevate Business Awards Night

The Monument

5:00 – 8:00 pm

June 18th – Small Business Lunch & Learn

DLAB Board Room

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

June 21st – Black Hills Forum & Press Club

The Holiday Inn

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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Scan the QR code to
view [upcoming events](#):

