

# 2016

## **Governor's Awards Ceremony**

**Tuesday, September 13**

**10:00 AM (Central Time)**

**Capitol Rotunda**

**Pierre, South Dakota**

**The Governor's Awards recognize the achievements of employers, individuals with disabilities and other South Dakotans for their contributions toward the rehabilitation and employment of people with disabilities.**

**A reception will be held at Capitol Lake Visitor's Center located at 600 East Capitol Avenue (located on state Capitol grounds) following the awards ceremony.**

# **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

**Secretary Gloria Pearson**

**Department of Human Services**

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**PRESENTATION**

**OF AWARDS**

**Governor Dennis Daugaard**

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Sponsored by:

Board of Vocational Rehabilitation

Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired

Statewide Independent Living Council

Division of Rehabilitation Services

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Department of Human Services

# GOVERNOR'S AWARDS RECIPIENTS

## **Outstanding Citizen with a Disability**

***Eric Bowers—Spearfish***

## **Outstanding Employee with a Disability**

***Aaron Ready—Rapid City***

## **Outstanding Private Employer (Small Employer)**

***NAPA Auto Parts—Watertown***

## **Outstanding Private Employer (Large Employer)**

***Nyberg's Ace Hardware—Sioux Falls***

## **Outstanding Transition Services**

***Cindy Kirschman—Aberdeen***

## **Distinguished Service**

***Strider Sports International Inc.—Rapid City***

### **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN WITH A DISABILITY**

Given to an individual with a disability in recognition of outstanding achievements in living with a disability and promoting independent living and employment opportunities for others with disabilities.

### **OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE WITH A DISABILITY**

Given to an employee with a disability in recognition of outstanding achievements in competitive employment by overcoming a disability as well as providing inspiration for other individuals with disabilities.

### **OUTSTANDING PRIVATE SMALL EMPLOYER**

Given to a small private employer for outstanding achievements in improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

### **OUTSTANDING PRIVATE LARGE EMPLOYER**

Given to a large private employer for outstanding achievements in improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

### **OUTSTANDING TRANSITION SERVICES**

Given to an individual or organization (public or private) in recognition of extraordinary contributions to providing and developing a transition program to assist students with disabilities as they transition from school to the adult system.

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

Given to an individual or organization (public or private) in recognition of extraordinary contributions to advancing the empowerment and employment of people with disabilities, with those contributions spanning 10 or more years.