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Sandra Barton receives Superintendent's Award

Cheyenne – Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jim McBride presented the Wyoming Superintendent's Award to Wyoming Board of Education Chairman Sandra Barton today during the board's regular business meeting.

McBride selected Barton for the award to recognize her leadership and steadfast commitment to establishing Wyoming's first Job Corps Center in Fremont County. Barton serves as the executive director of the Fremont County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) and has been working on the project since January 2006.

Before Barton's hard work, Wyoming was one of only two states in the nation that did not have a job corps center. Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through vocational and academic training.

Funded by Congress, Job Corps has been training young adults for meaningful careers since 1964. Job Corps is committed to offering all students a safe, drug-free environment where they can take advantage of the resources provided. Job Corps' mission is to attract eligible young people, teach them the skills they need to become employable and independent, and place them in meaningful jobs or further education.

"Barton persevered a lot of obstacles to make this project come to fruition," McBride said. "She worked to bring an entire community together to support this project and make it successful."

"Without her work and dedication, Wyoming would not have a Job Corps Center being developed," he said. "We look forward to the impact this center will have on Wyoming's workforce and economic vitality, among other things."

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