Monday, May 19, 2008

12.00 noon - 1.30 pm  Lunch and South Dakota Presentation
Salon E

Tad Perry will discuss current issues in South Dakota higher education, including policy goals and Governor Mike Rounds’s 2010E initiative. Perry will also provide information on the Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory (DUSEL), which will be built on the site of the Homestake gold mine in Lead, SD. In addition, we’ll hear from Jose Alonso, director of the Sanford Underground Laboratory at Homestake, which will function as an “interim DUSEL” until that lab is up and running.

Biographical Information on the Speakers

Jose R. Alonso is the director of the Sanford Underground Laboratory at Homestake in Lead, SD. Previously, he was a senior physicist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where he managed or participated in numerous groundbreaking projects related to nuclear science and other areas over the course of three decades. He received his S.B. in physics and his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Robert T. (Tad) Perry was named executive director of the South Dakota Board of Regents in 1994. Perry previously served as the chief operating officer of Indiana’s Partnership for Statewide Education. In his 23-year career at Ball State University, he served as a professor of political science and associate vice president. Perry graduated from Central Methodist University (MO), where he serves as a member of the board of trustees. He received an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Missouri–Columbia. Currently, he serves as chair of the State Higher Education Executive Officers, as treasurer of the National Association of System Heads, on the steering committee of the Education Commission of the States, as chair of the Policies and Purpose Committee of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and as a member of the Research Advisory Committee for Lumina Foundation for Education. He is a former chair of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.