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Director of Workforce Development

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Sarah joined the BEDC team as the Director of Workforce Development in January 2020. Sarah comes to BEDC with a strong event planning and marketing background. She is responsible for the implementation of workforce development initiatives in the Brookings region – which includes everything from building the workforce pipeline to removing barriers of employment and everything in between. Most of Sarah’s work includes being a liaison between industry and education, bringing these two forces together to meet business and community needs. The goal is to reduce barriers between industry and education, research, and practice, provide students with valuable hands-on learning experiences, develop and design solutions for business and industry.

In 2020, Sarah was instrumental in starting BEDC’s virtual job fair that attempts to match local companies with employees throughout the region who are looking for a new job as we adapt to the changes brought on by the coronavirus. She also oversees the BEDC Child Care Task Force which helps to promote awareness and support for early childhood education in the Brookings region.

Sarah graduated from the University of Sioux Falls in 2019 with a degree in Business Administration with minors in marketing and entrepreneurship. Sarah is truly passionate about collaborating with businesses and community partners to creatively tackle workforce challenges and develop innovative opportunities for enhancement.

When Sarah is not in the office, you may find her helping at her family’s beekeeping operation, riding in the tractor with her husband, Cole, or out & about shopping at her favorite local stores. Sarah has a passion for trying new things and traveling – in fact, she has crossed off several of her “bucket-list” of activities including sky diving, swimming with manta rays and dolphins, paragliding and rappelling down the cliffs of the Grand Canyon. She loves the Brookings community and is excited to what the future holds for the town.