

SCSU given \$357,300 to develop programs

Grants tagged to go to education, technology

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St. Cloud State University announced Tuesday it received two grants totaling \$357,300 to design or improve education and

technology training programs.

The first grant, for \$182,300, will fund an effort by St. Cloud State, Tech80 and the St. Cloud Area Economic Development Partnership to develop education and training for the growing motion control industry. The grant also will be used to upgrade facilities and materials.

In addition, a new course will be offered using experimental

devices donated by Tech80, combining adaptive control, digital signal processing, electro-mechanics, electronics and computer technologies. Internships will be established.

The second grant, for \$175,000, will be used to develop an initiative to involve more than 500 people from underrepresented and minority groups in enrichment, career awareness and prepara-

tion programs in science and technology.

The program will involve internships, mentoring and the help and support of high technology businesses and public high schools.

"Our colleges and universities exist to serve Minnesota," said Morris J. Anderson, chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. "With more employers working hand-in-

hand with us on the development of learning programs, we can ensure that our programs reflect the true and current needs of the state's employers. These projects will serve as catalysts for lasting alliances that will help to address the state's work force shortage."

MnSCU awarded 30 grants totaling \$4.45 million to state colleges and universities for training alliances with employers.