

# DAKOTA DOWNLOAD

Governor Burgum's weekly update | June 1, 2018



## MILITARY HEROES HONORED

Gov. Burgum paid tribute to fallen servicemen and women by delivering remarks at the Memorial Day ceremony at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery near Mandan on Monday. More than 1,000 people braved overcast skies and rain to attend the annual event. Burgum delivered a message of gratitude and challenged attendees to reflect on the sacrifices of soldiers and their families, not just on Memorial Day, but every day. "Their courageous sacrifice, and the incredible acts of heroism performed by all of our fallen service members throughout history, have established our nation as a guiding light of freedom for the rest of the world to follow," Burgum said.

# BURGUM, SANFORD TOUT COLLABORATION AT DRONE FOCUS



At the annual Drone Focus conference at the Fargo Civic Center, Gov. Burgum and Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford both highlighted the strong collaboration that's propelled North Dakota to the leading edge of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) industry, as North Dakota was recently selected as one of 10 sites nationwide for the UAS Integration Pilot Program. They noted the North Dakota Department of Transportation is leading the pilot program with 36 public, private and tribal partners, building off the success of the Northern Plains UAS Test Site in Grand Forks. The state has invested more than \$43 million to advance UAS research and development, helping to attract over 20 UAS-related companies to the region. Sanford chairs the Northern Plains Unmanned Systems Authority, which oversees the test site.

## EMPLOYER SURVEY TO HELP ADDRESS WORKFORCE CHALLENGE



Gov. Burgum joined Labor Commissioner and Job Service North Dakota Executive Director Michelle Kommer and other officials on Friday to announce a new survey asking North Dakota's employers to identify their most pressing workforce issues. Survey results will provide valuable input for workforce development recommendations to the governor. The survey, a first of its kind for North Dakota and part of a wider workforce research study, is being sponsored by the newly reconstituted North Dakota Workforce Development Council (WDC) and the Greater North Dakota Chamber. A link to the survey is now live [here](#). For the next two weeks, North Dakota's employers are encouraged to give their input on the challenges they face.

# CNH INDUSTRIAL HIGHLIGHTS WORKFORCE SHORTAGE



Members of CNH Industrial's executive leadership team met with Gov. Burgum at their Fargo manufacturing facility on Wednesday to highlight the need to attract skilled workers to North Dakota. The roundtable, which included Labor Commissioner and Job Service North Dakota Executive Director Michelle Kommer, was followed by a tour of the facility. CNH Industrial is the parent company of Case IH and New Holland, and employs more than 600 people in Fargo. To see more photos from the visit, [click here](#).



## CAPITOL EMPLOYEES WALK TO PROMOTE HEALTH

On Thursday, Gov. Burgum joined dozens of other state team members for a walk around the Capitol grounds to celebrate Walk @ Work Day. The event promotes workplace wellness and how adding physical activity to your day can improve your health, mood, concentration and work performance. The group departed the Capitol and headed along the mall for an impromptu tour of the formal space inside the new Governor's Residence before heading back.