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says it can competitively provide consulting services out of South Dakota as opposed to an overseas location because it's a business-friendly state with no corporate or income

Students opting for the IT Consultant Academy certificate at the University of South Dakota will take two software engineering courses, project management and data management. The academy also offers paid internships with Eagle Creek that can lead to potential employment in IT consultant jobs that pay \$40,000 to \$45,000 per year.

Such public-private partnerships are gaining in popularity.

P-Tech in Brooklyn, N.Y., a collaboration between New York Public Schools, the City University of New York and IBM, is a six-year program allowing students to graduate with both a high school diploma and an associate degree in computers or engineer-

ing. Principal Rashid Davis said the associate in applied science is a "workforce-ready degree," as educators team with company executives to identify the needed problem solving and critical thinking skills. "The credentialing is being

informed by the skills that are needed in industry, as opposed to just earning a degree," Davis said.

President Barack Obama praised the P-Tech model during his State of the Union speech in February.

New York city is opening two additional Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools, and New York Gov. Cuomo announced in February that the state plans to open ten new schools based on the model.

Chicago is planning to open five P-Tech-style schools, and the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation In Idaho is offering \$5 million in startup money to create a similar school that would partner with a company and a university

Douglas said it will take 5 to 10 years to rebuild the nation's IT workforce.

She suggests a work grant program similar to efforts of the Works Projects Administration in the 1940s. The grant would cover a year's salary for a young, inexperienced graduate who could get on-the-job training with no cost to the company. 'At least they get that allimportant first job and training, and then they can kind of get on their way," Douglas said. "I know that a lot of U.S. companies would totally get behind that if they meant that the U.S. was behind rebuilding its IT workforce."

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Grant that brought in \$192,500 was awarded, the project was still "dead in the water," he said.

That is, it was without the aid of Edith B. Siegrist, longtime Vermillion resident and professor of library science at the University of South Dakota.

Siegrist bequeathed more than \$800,000 to the project when she passed away in 2011.

The project was estimated to be about \$3 million, and with the contribution of Edith Siegrist — which turned out to be more like \$1 million — and the contributions of many of you people here today, this is what we were able to accomplish," Powell said. "I applaud all of you

for your contributions. "The successful completion of this magnificent structure is the result of cooperative efforts of many, including the library board, Friends of the Library, the library foundation, staff, volunteers and the City of Vermillion," he said.

In addition to Siegrist others who were singled out for their efforts included Jerry Johnson and the late Roger Kozak, who co-chaired the library board fundraiser that secured the money for furnishings for the project.

The library's community room has been named in Kozak's honor.

for which the agency did not negoti-

ate lower room rates, even though

that is standard government prac-

tice, according to a statement by

the House Oversight and Govern-

dees received benefits, including

baseball tickets and stays in presi-

\$1,500 to \$3,500 per night. In addi-

tion, 15 outside speakers were paid

a total of \$135,000 in fees, with one

paid \$17,000 to talk about "leader-

ship through art," the House com-

The report by the Treasury De-

partment's inspector general, set to

be released Tuesday, comes as the

IRS already is facing bipartisan criti-

cism after agency officials disclosed

Agency officials and the Obama

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IRS spokeswoman Michelle El-

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Instead, some of the 2,600 atten-

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mittee said.

Library staff members also were thanked in a statement from the state library director, Daria Bossman, which was read by Jane Healy, electronic services coordinator for the South Dakota State Library.

"Each of you have worked tirelessly, for not just years, but decades serving cheerfully and faithfully in cramped conditions, dreaming, hoping and striving toward this goal of an expanded and remodeled, modern 21st century public library," she read. "This day is for you. Thank you for your faithfulness, your dedication, your vision and your hard work."

A native of Vermillion, Sen. Johnson said he has many memories of visiting the library and checking out books as a child.

The library is often the place where we start to experience the wider world around us," he said. "Libraries expose us to new ideas, great art and aesthetic locations to teach us about a world different than our own. Those are important experiences, especially for young people, and that is why those early memories are often so strong.

tion, we're helping to ensure that today's children have the opportunity to create the same memories for themselves," he said.

Also in the program was a performance by Gretchen Burbach and the outgoing secondgraders from Jolley Elementary School.

MidAmerican Energy contributed to the funding of the open house event, while the cost of catering was defrayed by Hy-Vee and Mister Smith's Café and Catering.

Syrian Rebels, Hezbollah **Guerrillas Battle, Raise New Spillover Fear**

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian rebels and Hezbollah guerrillas battled Sunday in their worst clashes yet inside Lebanon, a new sign that the civil war in Syria is increasingly destabilizing its fragile neighbor.

Syria's foreign minister, meanwhile, re-buffed an appeal by the U.N. and the Red Cross to let humanitarian aid reach thousands of civilians trapped in the rebel-held town of Qusair, under regime attack for the past three weeks. The Red Cross said many of the wounded were not receiving desperately needed medical care.

The latest confrontation between Lebanon's Hezbollah militia and Syrian rebels, who have been fighting on opposite sides inside Syria, came at a time of increasingly incendiary rhetoric between Sunni and Shiite Muslims in the region.

One of the Arab world's most influential Sunni clerics, Yusuf al-Qaradawi, urged the faithful this week to fight alongside Sunni rebels against Shiite Hezbollah and President Bashar Assad's minority Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

Hezbollah's involvement in the battle over strategic Qusair has also raised tensions with Svrian rebels who have threatened to target the militia's bases in Lebanon, and with Sunnis in Lebanon who support the rebels.

According to congressional aides

briefed by the inspector general's

office, the IRS also did not formally

seek competitive bids for the city

assisted the agency, or for the

where the agency's 2010 conference

was held, for the event planner who

The aides, who spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity to describe a con-

fidential congressional briefing, said

other benefits given to some atten-

dees at the Anaheim IRS conference

included vouchers for free drinks

and some tickets to attend Angels

they ended up with tickets to

games, basically kickbacks," Issa

"So they end up with free drinks,

Two videos produced by the IRS

were shown at the Anaheim confer-

ence. In one, agency employees did

dressed like the TV show's charac-

ters; the second shows more than a

agency more than \$50,000 to make,

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The lecturer who spoke about

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reasons for holding the meeting, many of the expenses associated with it were inappropriate and should not have occurred."

Werfel, a former official at the White House Office of Management and Budget, said reducing excessive personal travel has been "a personal priority for me" and said "taxpayers should take comfort that a conference like this would not take place today."

Appearing Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union," Issa expressed skepticism.

^tUnderstand that some of the things that they're saying, 'Well, this wouldn't happen again,' they would still happen again," Issa said

Issa's committee also released excerpts from interviews congressional investigators conducted last week with two IRS employees from the agency's Cincinnati office. The excerpts made available offered no direct evidence that the targeting of conservative groups was directed from Washington, and did not name any individuals or agencies involved.

One of the IRS employees said in an excerpt that they were told by a supervisor that the need to collect the reports came from Washington. The other said "all my direction" came from an official the transcript said was in Washington.

One of the workers also expressed skepticism that the Cincinnati office originated the screening without direction from Washington, according to the excerpts.

On CNN, Issa said this conflicted with White House comments about misconduct by IRS workers in Cincinnati.

'This is a problem that was coordinated in all likelihood right out of Washington headquarters and we're getting to proving it," he said.

In response, Cummings said Issa's comments conflicted with a and Democratic aides on Issa's committee and also involved aides from both parties from the House Ways and Means Committee.

One of the employees was a lower-level worker while the other was higher ranked, said one congressional aide, but the committee did not release their names or titles.

The IRS Cincinnati office handles applications from around the country for tax-exempt status. A Treasury inspector general's report in May said employees there began searching for applications from tea party and conservative groups in their hunt for organizations that primarily do work related to election campaigns.

That May report blamed "ineffec-tive management" for letting that screening occur for more than 18 months between 2010 and 2012. But that report — and three hearings by congressional committees — have produced no specific evidence that the Cincinnati workers were ordered by anyone in Washington to target conservatives.

The latest report on IRS conferences will be the subject of a hearing Thursday by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Werfel is scheduled to make his first congressional appearance as acting commissioner Monday when he appears before a subcommittee of the House Appropriations

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cocaine, lithium, heroine, opium and lead, she said. Some of these medicines were also marketed to children.

There were no standards,' Schuetz said. "The market was flooded with (treatments) that might be ineffective and dangerous.

She said it wasn't until 1962 that the Food and Drug Administration decreed a drug had to be both safe and effective to be on the market.

"That wasn't that long ago," she said.

In addition to unsafe medicines being available throughout the past century, people were also given questionable advice, Schuetz said.

Tape worms and sugar were promoted for effective weight loss, cigarettes and smoke were declared safe, and tuberculosis was blamed on dancing and daylight savings time because they led to lack of sleep and a lowered

large agency conferences with 50 or more participants fell from \$37.6 million in the 2010 budget year to \$4.9 million in 2012. The government's fiscal year begins Oct. 1 the previous calendar year.

On Friday, the new acting commissioner, Danny Werfel, released a statement on the forthcoming report criticizing the Anaheim meeting.

This conference is an unfortunate vestige from a prior era," Werfel said. "While there were legitimate

immune system.

People were getting all kinds of medical advice at this time, and some of them seem so crazy to us today, but people really believed it then," she said

But that paled in comparison to those who caused the most harm, Schuetz said.

"The ones that really did the damage were the frauds and charlatans," she said.

These people included Joseph R. Brinkley, who gained fame as a promoter of transplanting goat testicles into men as a treatment for impotency, and William Bailey, who falsely claimed to be a doctor and promoted radium for the treatment of several ailments.

One of the most prolific charlatans was Walter Freeman, the "father of the lobotomy," Schuetz said. He is said to have personally performed 3,400 lobotomies in 23 states, including procedures in Yankton State Hospital in 1942, before losing his medical license in 1967

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Treasury inspector general's report that provided no evidence that the Cincinnati office received orders on targeting from anyone else.

"Rather than lobbing unsubstantiated conclusions on national television for political reasons, we need to work in a bipartisan way to follow the facts where they lead," Cummings said.

The interviews with IRS employees were conducted by Republican

> changed, Schuetz said that the "age of quackery" remains.

Unregulated drugs are still available for many purposes, such as weight loss or sexual enhancement.

"Why do people still believe in these things?" Schuetz asked. "Well, it's the same reasons that they always did — ignorance. It just sounds so good. We want to believe we're going to feel better."

Schuetz said there are also many other reasons to be concerned about the state of medicine, such as doctors getting degrees from Caribbean schools, the lack of a national clearinghouse for malpractice suits, and instances of doctored research and negligent acts by pharmaceutical companies.

"Hopefully, all of you, as educated consumers, can avoid the lure of fraudulent products and the promises of modern-day charlatans," she said. "Good luck to all of us. I think we're going to need it.'

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mental health services in Nebraska, which left them no alternative.

McGill said 88 of the 93 counties in Nebraska have mental health professional shortages. The pilot clinics would be located in cities that already have mental health professionals. The pilot project would end two years after the law takes effect, unless lawmakers renew it.

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Last week, Gov. Dave Heineman

approved an overhaul of Nebraska's to care for a state ward without objuvenile justice services. The multitaining a regular foster care license. faceted bill by Sen. Brad Ashford, of The bill, signed into law last week Omaha, includes \$14.5 million for jumaintains the safety requirements venile services and a grant program to that foster care parents must meet, help counties treat young criminal ofbut eases the training requirements that some child advocates criticized fenders. It also would transfer the supervision of juvenile offenders to the as too stringent. state's Office of Probation Administra-'The idea is to meet the needs of a

child in the least traumatic way possible." Coash said. "The requirements to become a foster parent are high, as they should be. But they ought to take into consideration whether someone already has a relationship with that child.'