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Ms. Sharon Chontos is a principle at Sage Project Consultants (Sage). Sage offers strategic planning, grant management, program evaluation, and technical writing services. Her clients include universities, public agencies, non-profits and for-profits. Chontos has 15 years of corporate experience in the petroleum and renewable energy fields. She held engineering, economic and financial analysis, process safety management, continuous improvement, grant management, and research and management positions.

Chontos maintains active membership with both the South Dakota Grant Professionals Association and the National Grant Professionals Association, and is a member of the American Evaluation Association (AEA) along with several professional Topic Interest Groups affiliated with the AEA.

Chontos has been a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant panelist for the National Science Foundation since 2010. In this capacity, she has had the opportunity to continually improve her grant writing skills while reviewing SBIR grants.

Currently, Chontos serves as a Planning Commissioner on the Sioux Falls Planning Commission. She was appointed to her five year term beginning in 2015.

Chontos holds a bachelor of science degree in Chemical Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. She has completed several courses in evaluation research and reporting.