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Governor Proclaims September Workforce Development Month in Wisconsin

Madison - Governor Jim Doyle today proclaimed September as Workforce Development Month to recognize the importance of partnerships in education, job training and other workforce development services in strengthening the state's economy.

"Maintaining a healthy Wisconsin economy requires a highly skilled workforce, quality education, and employment and training systems," Governor Doyle said. "I salute dedicated individuals who continually strive to ensure that Wisconsin can compete nationally and globally.

Employers who invest in worker training also make an important contribution to building Wisconsin's skilled workforce and are an important element of the workforce development system."

The Governor's proclamation states that a month dedicated to workforce development is essential because:

- The quality and development of the Wisconsin workforce is the shared responsibility of many individuals and public and private organizations at the state and local levels.
- A strong workforce development system recognizes the need for preparing Wisconsin youth, and providing high quality post-secondary education and other initiatives that develop skilled workers and high performance workplaces.
- Wisconsin's state and regional business-led workforce investment boards and other public bodies provide leadership to Wisconsin's workforce development system to ensure resources are directed to developing basic workplace skills, career ladder opportunities and high quality training in high-wage, high-demand jobs that support the vision of "Grow Wisconsin."