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Labor Agency Issues Special Grants to Assist Dislocated Workers

Funding means additional services for former workers from several area companies

Menomonie – Governor Jim Doyle and Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, along with other local Workforce Development Boards will receive nearly \$1.3 million in Dislocated Worker grants to assist unemployed workers in finding new employment or new job skills.

“In the past four years, I have worked to create 170,000 new jobs for our state – but the job isn’t finished yet,” Governor Doyle said. “This additional funding will provide a continuation of services for dislocated workers seeking to further their education and increase their skills to get back into the workforce.”

A subcommittee of the Governor-appointed Council on Workforce Investment has allocated an additional \$98,535 to augment an existing grant to the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board to continue services to former workers of Northern Automotive, Trane, Fleming, and Northern Engraving.

The funds will also go to providing new services to dislocated workers from Sparta Manufacturing. Approximately 95 former employees will continue to receive services as a result of the increased funding, raising the total funding to this Workforce Development Area under the program to \$159,701.

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