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Labor Agency Issues Special Grants to Assist Dislocated Workers

Funding means additional services for former workers from several area companies

Waukesha – Governor Jim Doyle and Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that the Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington (WOW) 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 \$159,435 to the WOW board to augment an existing grant to continue services to former workers of Midas, Strong Financial, Triumph Engineering, SignStrut, Array, Russell Corp. (Huffy), OSI Outsourcing Solutions Inc., First Health, Brio Toy Inc., Gehl Corp., Regal Ware, Kraft, Quebecor World, Vollrath Corporation, Parker Hannifin, Cardinal Health, Amity/Rolf’s, Salon Systems.

The funds will also go to providing new services to dislocated workers from Simplicity and Journal Community Publishing Group. Approximately 465 former employees will continue to receive services as a result of the increased funding, raising the total funding to WOW under the program to \$659,435.

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