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DWD Secretary Honors Bucyrus International

MILWAUKEE –Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today commended Bucyrus International and its President and CEO, Tim Sullivan, for the decision to renovate the company’s global headquarters in Milwaukee.

Gassman, representing Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle at the official opening ceremony for the new headquarters on Milwaukee Avenue in South Milwaukee, presented a gubernatorial proclamation naming July 25 “Bucyrus International Day”. She also praised the company for being part of Wisconsin’s manufacturing heritage.

“Manufacturing is our heritage and our future in Wisconsin,” she said. She noted that the company’s success has resulted in \$42 million in expansions and renovations in the past year and more than doubled its employment.

Gassman pointed out that the State of Wisconsin has worked with Bucyrus to keep the company and its jobs in the state. The State of Wisconsin provided over \$3.5 million in 2005 to aid expansion in Milwaukee, she said.

“While the national economy is in turmoil, Wisconsin is doing better than many other states,” she said. “Thanks to companies like Bucyrus International and also thanks to Governor Doyle and his Grow Wisconsin plan to invest in business and people, Wisconsin has 177,400 more jobs now than in January 2003.” Exports are up 80 percent since 2003, she noted, and are up 12 percent this year alone.

Gassman also conveyed personal thanks to Sullivan from Governor Doyle for serving as chair of the Wisconsin Council on Workforce Investment, and for “guiding our efforts to grow a skilled and talented workforce and keep Wisconsin’s economy growing.”

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