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Governor Doyle Announces Additional Assistance for Dislocated Workers at Thyssen Krupp, Waupaca

Employment, training services for 847 workers displaced by foreign competition

MADISON – Governor Jim Doyle today announced that 847 dislocated workers at Thyssen Krupp, Waupaca, Wisconsin, are eligible to apply for additional re-employment and training services under the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program.

“I am pleased to announce the availability of this additional assistance, which will help workers increase their job skills and find new employment,” Governor Doyle said. “These employment and training services will help them re-enter the workforce and support themselves and their families.”

The U.S. Department of Labor has determined that former Thyssen Krupp workers were displaced due to foreign competition. Workers at the subject firm produce Gray and Ductile Iron Castings. The Department of Labor investigation revealed that a loss of business by Thyssen Krupp with respect to gray and ductile iron castings sold to Robert Bosch, among other TAA-certified firms, contributed importantly to worker separations at Thyssen Krupp.

All workers at Thyssen Krupp, Waupaca, Wisconsin, who are engaged in employment related to the production of iron castings, totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 27, 2008, through October 22, 2011, are eligible to apply for assistance. Affected workers will be notified of meetings to discuss program benefits.

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) will administer the federally funded services, which are available through local Job Centers. They include retraining and re-employment services tailored to meet the needs of individual workers. These workers can now apply for the following TAA services:

- **Training** for employment in another job or career,
- **Income Support**, known as trade readjustment allowances (TRA),
- **Job Search Allowance** to cover expenses seeking employment outside normal commuting areas, and
- **Relocation Allowances** for approved relocation expenses in moving to a new area of employment.

“These are services that we and our local partners can provide affected workers, to help connect them with employers in search of workers with the right skills,” DWD Secretary Roberta Gassman said.

In June, Governor Doyle announced that the U.S. Department of Labor expanded the amount of TAA funds available nationwide to \$575 million from \$220 million as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The additional funding will help states serve an increasing number of trade-affected workers. More information on the TAA program is available at <http://www.doleta.gov>.

Individuals interested in receiving re-employment assistance should contact a local Job Center or visit <http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/> to find a Job Center nearby. The nearest Job Center location also can be found by calling (888) 258-9966 toll free.