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Secretary Gassman Appoints John Dipko Communications Director

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced the appointment of John Dipko as Director of Communications for the Department.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of John Dipko as leader of our communications team," Secretary Gassman said. "John brings a wealth of experience to this very important position. As director of communications, he will help us provide information on the critical services we are providing job seekers, working families and employers, as we work to move the economy forward in these challenging times."

Dipko is currently Public Information Director for the Department of Corrections, a position he has held since February of 2005 when he joined state service. Prior to that, he was a reporter for the Green Bay Press-Gazette, covering both state and local government. He spent several years as a statehouse reporter for the newspaper.

Dipko received bachelor's degrees in journalism and sociology from Kent State University in 1997. He will start his new position on January 29.

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