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Secretary Gassman Joins Regional Partners in Highlighting Workforce Development Month with Job Center Open House Events

State Labor Secretary urges all to visit local Job Centers, learn about employment, training services available to job seekers, employers year round

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today joined DWD's regional partners in urging the public to visit local Job Centers and learn about services available to build a 21st century workforce.

"Whether you're a job seeker or employer searching for an applicant with the right skills, we can help," Secretary Gassman said. "Working with our regional partners, we offer excellent employment and training services at local jobs centers and online at JobCenterOfWisconsin.com. A Job Center visit, either locally or online, can lead to new career opportunities."

The Wisconsin Workforce Development Association (WWDA) is hosting the open house events at Job Centers across the state. Comprised of 11 regional workforce development boards, the WWDA is sponsoring the open house events to highlight 10 years of helping businesses and individuals with their employment needs. The events also commemorate Workforce Development Month in September.

"We encourage the public to attend our open house events and see the variety of services and resources available," WWDA Chair Dan Racette said. "The services and resources are the result of our strong partnership with DWD, all to the benefit of job seekers, the unemployed and underemployed, as well as employers ready to hire workers with the right skills. Workforce development is economic development."

People interested in attending should check with their local Workforce Development Board for the date and location of open house events. Contact information for the regional boards is available at: <http://www.wwda.org/>. Job Center locations and contact information can be found on the JCW website: <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/>. Select "Job Seeker Tools", then "Other Resources" for a directory of Job Center locations.

With the help of DWD last year, nearly 31,000 Wisconsin job seekers gained employment through programs serving dislocated workers, disadvantaged adults, disabled individuals, veterans, all programs available through Job Centers.