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Governor Doyle Announces \$2.6 Million Grant to Assist Dislocated Workers at Chrysler Engine Plant in Kenosha

MADISON – Governor Jim Doyle today announced a \$2.6 million National Emergency Grant (NEG) that will provide additional assistance for nearly 450 dislocated workers at the Chrysler Engine Plant in Kenosha.

“Kenosha is a great community with some of the best and hardest workers in the world,” Governor Doyle said. “This grant will help hundreds of hardworking people get back on their feet, gain new skills and find new jobs.”

The National Emergency Grant (NEG) program provides funding to states to provide rapid reemployment services to workers. The \$2.6 million grant will provide a full array of employment and training services to the affected workers.

The Southeast Wisconsin Workforce Development Board will provide services to the displaced workers in the three counties of Kenosha, Racine and Walworth. The workers have been certified for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), and the NEG funding will provide them with support services not available through the TAA program.

Support services include travel payments, child care and other training related expenses. Workers with skills in demand will be aided in job search activities including workshops on resumes, interviewing and analysis of transferable skills. Those determined to need skill development to find suitable employment will have a variety of training options to select from.

In approving Wisconsin’s request, the U.S. Department of Labor made an initial allocation of more than \$1.2 million.

Affected workers are encouraged to contact their local Job Center to inquire about services available by visiting www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory or calling toll free at 888-258-9966.