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## **Secretary Gassman Announces \$290,362 Grant to Train Workers in Northwest Wisconsin's Health Care Industry**

***Governor Doyle made funds available as part of commitment to skilled workforce***

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced a \$290,362 Wisconsin Industry Partnership grant to train over 500 workers in northwest Wisconsin for careers that are in demand across the region's health care industry.

"This grant continues Governor Doyle's commitment to work with employers and other workforce partners to build the skills of workers and to grow the economy in northwest Wisconsin," Secretary Gassman said. "These strategic investments represent a win-win for working families, employers and communities across the region."

The grant is part of Governor Doyle's \$6 million Industry Partnership program that works with area employers, labor unions, workforce development and economic development agencies, technical colleges, K-12 schools, and University of Wisconsin institutions to fund the particular skills that regional employers need.

The Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board, DWD's regional workforce partner, will administer the health care training grant to boost the skills, employment and retention of participating workers. Training activities will center on a variety of health care careers, from dental assistants to supervisory and management positions. Approximately 510 workers – including 60 dislocated workers and 450 current health care workers interested in advancing to higher level careers – will take part in the initiative.

Educational partners include Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College and North Central Technical College. Business partners include Marshfield Clinic, Hayward Area Memorial Hospital, Aurora Community Services and various long term care facilities in the area. The region spans numerous communities, such as Superior, Hayward, Park Falls, Iron River, Medford, Ladysmith and Spooner.

For more information about the Wisconsin Industry Partnership program, please visit the DWD Industry Partnership website: [http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/industry\\_partnerships/](http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/industry_partnerships/)