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## **Secretary Perez Appoints Jane Pawasarat Administrator of DWD's Division of Employment & Training**

### **New leader brings three decades of experience to oversee workforce division**

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Manny Perez today announced the appointment of Jane Pawasarat as Administrator of the Division of Employment and Training (DET).

“Jane Pawasarat has 30 years of experience in budget, policy and training programs at the state and local levels, and I am pleased she will be part of my management team,” Secretary Perez said. “Her background will be an asset to our agency as we support policies under Governor Walker’s leadership that allow the private sector to create job opportunities for all Wisconsinites.”

Since November 2010, Administrator Pawasarat has served as Deputy Administrator of DET, which administers federal and state-funded programs serving employers and job seekers. Programs include adult and youth apprenticeship programs, dislocated worker programs, the state Job Center system including [www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com), and labor market information. DET also works closely with regional workforce development boards and technical colleges. Secretary Perez assigned her as Acting DET Administrator in January shortly after he was named DWD Secretary.

Prior to joining DWD, Administrator Pawasarat worked for the state Department of Administration, where she held several positions since 1999 including budget office policy initiatives advisor, state procurement bureau director, deputy director in the performance evaluation office, and most recently, executive policy and budget manager. In the latter position, she led a team of analysts responsible for budget and policy issues involving workforce development, economic development, and employee benefit program areas.

From 1994 to 1999, she was executive assistant to the President at Madison Area Technical College. She participated in college-wide strategic planning, budgeting and development of performance measures. She also served as the college’s liaison to state and federal elected officials.

Administrator Pawasarat’s previous experience includes serving as a program and planning analyst with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services; as grant manager with the Southwest Wisconsin Private Industry Council, and as a youth social worker with the Grant County Department of Social Services.

Administrator Pawasarat earned her undergraduate degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and her master’s degree in Industrial Relations from UW-Madison.