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Interim Secretary Baumbach Salutes Stoughton Trailers for Partnership in Creating Jobs, Helping Governor Walker Get Wisconsin Working Again

Trailer manufacturer hiring nearly 480; DWD & partners helping meet workforce needs

STOUGHTON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Interim Secretary Scott Baumbach today paid tribute to Stoughton Trailers for creating jobs and helping Governor Walker get Wisconsin working again.

“In Stoughton Trailers, we have a strong partner to help move our economy forward,” Interim Secretary Baumbach said. “In several communities, Stoughton Trailers is helping us create good jobs, building top quality trailers to meet the shipping needs of business and industry. They are adding nearly 480 jobs, and we are helping them find welders, assemblers, painters, and other skilled workers they need.”

Governor Walker recently announced a \$750,000 Department of Commerce loan to assist Stoughton Trailers in re-opening its Evansville plant. Approximately 300 workers will be employed at the Evansville plant. The manufacturer is also expanding operations at its production facilities in Stoughton and Brodhead.

Interim Secretary Baumbach said that DWD and its partners, the South Central and Southwest Workforce Development Boards, have been working closely with Stoughton Trailers to fill the new positions. Job fairs have been held at Job Centers in Janesville and Madison. Stoughton Trailers also took part in a Job Fair for Veterans last week at the Edgewood College Deming Way Campus.

In addition, Stoughton Trailers has taken advantage of DWD’s free, user-friendly, online employment site, JobCenterofWisconsin.com, to list job openings. In recent weeks, employers throughout the state have posted more than 28,000 job openings, which Interim Secretary Baumbach said is another sign of Wisconsin’s improving economy under Governor Walker’s open-for-business approach.

Interim Secretary Baumbach presented Stoughton Trailers President Robert Wahlin with a commendation, then greeted workers during a tour of the manufacturer’s production facility in Stoughton.

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