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Secretary Baumbach Honors Waukesha Electric for Job Creation Efforts, Praises Strong Partnership to Train Wisconsin Workers

Manufacturer plans to add hundreds of jobs, is a leader in training workers with DWD

WAUKESHA – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Secretary Scott Baumbach visited Waukesha Electric today, applauding the long-time manufacturer's leadership in training workers for the jobs of tomorrow.

"Waukesha Electric has been a consistent and strong collaborator in providing workers the skills they need for the 21st century economy," said Secretary Baumbach. "Waukesha Electric's expansion here in Wisconsin and potential hiring of 265 new workers reinforces Governor Walker's message that Wisconsin businesses are open and ready to hire."

In addition to Waukesha Electric's increasing of manufacturing space at their Waukesha facility to 449,000 square feet, Waukesha Electric has also worked closely with the Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington Workforce Development Board, a DWD workforce partner, to recruit potential employees through the Wisconsin Job Center in Pewaukee.

"Thanks to employers like Waukesha Electric, job seekers across Wisconsin have more opportunities to pursue employment," Secretary Baumbach said. "I would encourage potential employers or employees interested in getting to work or adding quality employees to visit one of the many job centers or on-line at www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com. With nearly 30,000 jobs listed, the Job Center of Wisconsin website is an invaluable resource for any Wisconsinite seeking work."

Waukesha Electric is one of 10 partners with DWD and the Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington and Workforce Development Board in the Power Controls Industry Partnership grant program to train 50 current employees and train 50 new employees in the cutting-edge technology used to manufacture large-scale transformers.

During his visit, Secretary Baumbach presented Vice President of Business Development Trent Spear with a commendation and met with workers during a tour of the Waukesha plant.