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DWD Secretary Baumbach: Dane County Job Fair Activity Reaffirms Governor Walker's Pro-Business Strategies Are Working in Wisconsin

Top workforce development official meets employers & job seekers, cites array of job openings

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Scott Baumbach said today employer participation in the Dane County Community Job Fair in Madison is another sign that strategies of Governor Walker to improve Wisconsin's business climate are working.

"The response has been unprecedented," Secretary Baumbach said. "We have 29 employers ready to hire workers. It's the biggest job fair that we've had at the Dane County Job Center on Aberg Avenue. Governor Walker entered office determined to improve the business climate and get people working again. Since then, Wisconsin has been adding jobs. Employers are optimistic and hiring, as the job fair shows."

On behalf of Secretary Baumbach, Employment and Training Division Administrator Jane Pawasarat visited the Dane County Job Center to meet with employers and job seekers. The Division includes the Job Service Bureau, which operates job centers throughout the state with DWD's regional partners as well as http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/jcw/about_us.htm, DWD's online employment website.

Since Governor Walker took office, Wisconsin has added 28,700 private sector jobs, including 15,000 in manufacturing, the largest year-to-date gain since 1994. In addition to job growth, job postings on JobCenterofWisconsin.com have exceeded a record 34,000 openings. As part of Workforce Development Month, DWD and its partners will celebrate the third year of the DWD online employment site that has become increasingly popular with employers and job seekers since its September 2008 launch.

Throughout Workforce Development Month, DWD and its partners will highlight services to empower and support Wisconsin's workforce as part of Governor Walker's strategy to advance the economy and help create private sector jobs. A schedule of events can be found at <http://wwda.org/wfcmonthcalendar.html>.

With approximately 1,600 employees, DWD works with employers to fill jobs, provides training and employment services to workers, enforces workers' rights, and administers Unemployment Insurance and Worker's Compensation programs.

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