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## **DWD Deputy Secretary: WorkSmart Sites Improve Access to Job Services**

### ***South-Central Wisconsin WDB, other workforce partners jointly operate facilities***

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Deputy Secretary Reggie Newson today joined local and regional workforce partners in celebrating the grand opening of two WorkSmart Access Points in the south Madison community, bringing employer resources to local residents looking for jobs.

“WorkSmart Access Points represent one of many ways in which Wisconsin’s workforce partners continue to enhance service delivery to customers, giving jobseekers more tools to pursue employment opportunities,” Deputy Secretary Newson said. “We encourage individuals to take advantage of the resources available at these and other WorkSmart Access Points in the region, as well as at the many other locations that provide resources to help jobseekers be successful.”

The Workforce Development Board of South-Central Wisconsin, DWD’s regional workforce partner, has opened locations within the Urban League of Greater Madison at 2222 S. Park St., and within Madison College-South at 2238 S. Park St., The new WorkSmart Access Points join 14 other service locations for job-seekers throughout the Board’s six-county region. Deputy Secretary helped kick off Monday’s grand opening as part of Workforce Development Month in Wisconsin.

"More than ever do we recognize this critical need to provide job seekers more access to resources-- especially in these challenging economic conditions," says Pat Schramm of the Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin. "These new WorkSmart Access Points are designed to connect job seekers to services in the South Madison community and beyond."

WorkSmart Access Point customers can access computers to look for employment, work on cover letters or resumes, and connect with the Job Center of Wisconsin, where over 33,000 jobs are currently posted at <http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com>. The Wisconsin Job Center System, operated by regional Workforce Development Boards and DWD, offer a total of 64 job centers and service locations statewide where interested job-seekers can speak with DWD and workforce partner staff to access a variety of training and recruitment resources, in support of Governor Walker’s pledge to create 250,000 private sector jobs in Wisconsin.

“Governor Walker’s approach to helping Wisconsin residents find work has continued to yield positive results,” Deputy Secretary Newson said. “DWD stands ready to help any Wisconsin employer or employee with the resources they need as we seek to make Wisconsin the workforce of choice.”

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.