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DWD Secretary Newson Encourages Jobseekers, Cites New Opportunities at Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative Event

Secretary joins local partners in visit to Jobs Fair, attended by hundreds of jobseekers in the region

ST. FRANCIS – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson said today that Governor Walker's efforts to improve Wisconsin's business climate, including the special legislative session on jobs he called, will help create more opportunities for jobseekers like the ones attending a Jobs Fair organized by the Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative.

"So far this year, Wisconsin has added 29,300 private sector jobs, and we know good jobs are available in the Milwaukee region and beyond," Secretary Newson said. "In fact, we continue to see postings in excess of 33,000 on www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com, and we encourage individuals to pursue these employment opportunities, and to continue taking part in events like today's job fair. We also thank the employers who are taking part, and of course our partners with the Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative."

Secretary Newson welcomed jobseekers and employers at the Jobs Fair, which took place at The Cousins Center in St. Francis. Joining him were the Auxiliary Bishop of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, The Most Reverend Donald Hying; Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele; and Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm.

The Jobs Fair drew over 20 employers, and drew registrations by hundreds of jobseekers with experience in industry sectors such as manufacturing, hospitality, construction, health care, food production, education, office administration and many other areas.

In addition to organizing or taking part in job fairs across the state, DWD and the Wisconsin Job Service system manage www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com, which has seen record use this year having surpassed 100,000 postings in September. Last year's 12-month total reached about 75,000 postings.

DWD also has sent email job recruitment notices to over 77,400 job seekers providing information on job opportunities to thousands of Wisconsinites looking for work. .