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Secretary Newson: Over 50 Employers Registered for Milwaukee Manufacturing Career Expo on May 10 at State Fair Park

Reminder to job seekers: admission ticket required, act now to get one in advance

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today announced 54 employers have registered for the Milwaukee Manufacturing Career Expo and he urged job seekers to register now to get an admission ticket required in advance of the unprecedented recruiting event at State Fair Park on May 10.

“Milwaukee area manufacturers have responded enthusiastically to this extraordinary opportunity to connect with job seekers, screened by Job Center staff and designated as work ready,” Secretary Newson said. “The response reflects the optimism we see in employer surveys about their plans to hire and course Wisconsin is following under Governor Walker’s leadership. These employers have over 500 jobs available now, jobs with good pay, benefits and a future in a key economic sector. I strongly urge job seekers with an interest in manufacturing to register now and get an admission ticket.”

Due to the enthusiastic response of employers, Secretary Newson said DWD and its partners have extended the registration deadline to Monday, April 30, to let more manufacturers reserve space, list jobs available, and connect with screened, work-ready job seekers at the Exposition Center. In urging job seekers to register now, Secretary Newson noted the available positions range in pay from approximately \$12 to \$15 to nearly \$40 an hour. Employers have listed wages for some positions as negotiable.

The Milwaukee Manufacturing Career Expo is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Exposition Center at State Fair Park in West Allis. Milwaukee area manufacturers can access information and download the registration form from www.WisconsinCareerExpo.com. DWD launched www.WisconsinCareerExpo.com, which lists employers who have registered thus far and provides additional expo information and updates.

Secretary Newson stressed the importance of job seekers acting now to get the necessary admission ticket and avoiding a pre-registration rush the final days before the career expo. Information about the pre-registration process is available on www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com. Registration takes three easy steps:

1. Visit www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com, and either register with the DWD online employment site or, if already registered, update information as necessary;
2. Use the site’s “Job Seeker Tools” to create or update a resume, take a self assessment survey, save and print copies of both for the final step;
3. Complete a one-on-one session with an employment specialist, who will review the resume and assessment results and cover potential steps in the job application process before issuing an admission ticket. A list with times and locations to complete these sessions is available through www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com.