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Secretary Newson Visits Kenosha Job Fair, Highlights Integral Role of Workforce Development in Wisconsin

BRISTOL – During a visit today at the Kenosha County Job Fair, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson applauded organizers and participating employers and job seekers for pursuing opportunities that will strengthen the state's workforce and move the economy forward.

"The Kenosha Job Fair is emblematic of our continuing commitment to employers to provide a venue to support job creation," said Secretary Newson. "We will continue to work closely with our partners in Kenosha and throughout the state to find opportunities for growth and work closely with employers to aid them in creating jobs for state residents."

The event, held at the Kenosha County Center, is one of several activities being highlighted during Workforce Development Month, which Governor Walker has proclaimed for the month of September. The proclamation recognizes the work of DWD and Wisconsin's 11 workforce development boards in supporting the creation of private-sector jobs.

Job Fairs and other recruitments are ways in which Wisconsin's workforce development system collaborates with employers and other stakeholders to develop innovative solutions that aid employers in accessing qualified candidates for employment.

The Kenosha Job Fair is co-hosted by DWD, the Southeast Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, and the Kenosha News. A total of 41 employers have currently signed up for the event with over 800 open positions. Several hundred job seekers are expected to attend, providing the opportunity for them to meet employers and apply for work.

Governor Walker has directed DWD to double the number of recruitment events held in 2012, creating additional opportunities for employers and workers to find qualified workers. As of August 2012, DWD has hosted more than 230 recruitment events around the state that have been attended by more than 16,000 job seekers.

Throughout Workforce Development Month, DWD and regional partners are holding events across the state. For a calendar of events scheduled by the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association, see: <https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=wwdainfo%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>