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DWD Secretary Newson Announces \$300,000 in Awards to Recognize Regional Workforce Partner Performance

Six Workforce Development Boards receive incentive funds to serve adults, youth

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today announced \$300,000 in funding awards recognizing six Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) that exceeded performance standards for the most recent program year.

“While all of our regional workforce partners contribute significantly as a team in connecting job seekers to jobs, I am pleased to recognize those that exceeded expectations in serving dislocated workers and other job seekers of all ages,” Secretary Newson said. “I challenge those getting the additional funding to further invest these resources in efforts that will continue to yield powerful results in developing our state’s workforce.”

The source of the awards is federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding, as allocated to states and regional workforce areas by the U.S. Department of Labor to support training and other workforce programs. In accordance with WIA regulations for statewide activities funding, Secretary Newson has awarded \$300,000 to WDBs that exceeded negotiated performance standards during Program Year 2011 in areas such as average earnings, job placement and retention, literacy gains and number of certifications attained.

Award dollars are available to the following WDBs:

- Southwest: \$100,666
- Western: \$73,667
- Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington: \$44,500
- South Central: \$38,167
- Fox Valley: \$34,000
- Southeast: \$9,000

The Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board was the only board to exceed all nine WIA performance standards.

As a condition of receiving the funding, WDBs must indicate how they plan to use the funds by the required deadline of June 30, 2013. The Boards have discretion to invest the funds in WIA-approved programs serving adults, youths and dislocated workers.