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Secretary Newson Appointed Secretary-Treasurer of National Governmental Labor Leaders Association

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Governmental Labor Officials (NAGLO), a professional association of workforce secretaries, commissioners and directors from each U.S. state and territory.

"I am honored to be part of the NAGLO leadership team and welcome the opportunity, an especially timely one as NAGLO focuses on the registered apprenticeship program as a top priority this year," Secretary Newson said. "Wisconsin was the first state with an apprenticeship program, and it remains an effective, on-the-job training program today that is helping us address the current skills gap and equip workers with skills to begin rewarding careers in family supporting jobs."

Secretary Newson accepted the NAGLO executive board's request to serve as Secretary-Treasurer until July, when his election for a full one-year term, along with other leadership nominees, is expected at the NAGLO annual meeting in Boston. Last fall, Secretary Newson was among state and federal labor officials to visit Taiwan.

Appointed by Governor Scott Walker, Secretary Newson leads the state agency charged with building and strengthening Wisconsin's workforce. Prior to his appointment on October 24, 2011, by Governor Walker as workforce cabinet member and department secretary, he was as deputy secretary the department.

Secretary Newson directs the state workforce agency that has an annual budget of over \$450 million, over 1,600 employees and six divisions: Employment and Training, Administrative Services, Equal Rights, Unemployment Insurance, Worker's Compensation and Vocational Rehabilitation.

Prior to his tenure at DWD, Secretary Newson served as Executive Assistant at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT), one of the DOT top three leadership positions and a position he held since January 2011. He previously was operations director for the DOT Southeast Region, managing a \$320 million budget and directing 500 employees since 2005.

Secretary Newson has an MBA with an emphasis in corporate communications from Concordia University of Wisconsin, an undergraduate degree and master's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, as well as certificates in project management, management and six-sigma from the UW-Milwaukee.