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DWD Seeks Input on Proposed Wisconsin Fast Forward Administrative Rules

Rulemaking reflects important step in efforts to set foundation for \$15 million training grant program

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson encouraged employers and members of the public to provide comment on the impact of proposed rules governing the administration of \$15 million in worker training grants.

“We are moving quickly to build a strong framework to administer the worker training grants included in the Governor’s ‘Wisconsin Fast Forward’ initiative, which also garnered almost unanimous support by the Legislature,” Secretary Newson said. “We are moving with dispatch to set up the rules, policies and procedures to make this program nimble, effective, and accountable to the taxpayer. To that end, we invite workers, employers, educators and other stakeholders to provide their input on the rules that will guide the administration of these training grant resources.”

The proposed rules will frame key elements of the grant program, which will be administered through the new DWD Office of Skills Development. The proposed rules will address issues such as:

- Criteria to award grants, including written proposals and evaluation standards.
- The extent to which matching funds will be required.
- Required reports to document spending activities and report outcomes.

DWD will incorporate public comments in an economic impact analysis it prepares and submits along with a proposed rule package to the Wisconsin Legislative Council, with hearings and public notice to follow. DWD’s process is in line with state law, including the law governing administering rulemaking. The comment period ends on June 14, 2013.

Members of the public who wish to comment can visit http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/admin_rules/default.htm or send comments by postal mail to Department of Workforce Development, Attn: Legal Counsel, P.O. Box 7946, Madison, WI, 53707-7946.