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## **Secretary Newson Elected Vice President of National Governmental Labor Leaders Association at Annual Meeting in Boston**

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson has been elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the National Association of Governmental Labor Officials (NAGLO). Members of the professional association of workforce secretaries, commissioners and directors from each U.S. state and territory elected him to the senior leadership position at their annual meeting Wednesday in Boston, Mass.

“Since April, it has been my privilege to serve as Secretary/Treasurer, and I am honored that the NAGLO members now have chosen me to be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,” Secretary Newson said. “I see it as recognition of the positive changes occurring in Wisconsin under Governor Scott Walker’s leadership, in particular the more than \$100 million in workforce investments in the 2013-15 state budget he recently signed. Wisconsin is leading the way, and people are taking notice.”

Earlier this year, Secretary Newson accepted the NAGLO executive board’s request of him to serve as Secretary/Treasurer until the annual meeting in Boston and election of officers for one-year terms. Last fall, Secretary Newson was among state and federal labor officials to visit Taiwan. As with the Secretary/Treasurer position, Secretary Newson will continue to lead Wisconsin DWD while serving as NAGLO 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Appointed by Governor Scott Walker, Secretary Newson leads DWD, 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 DWD Secretary, he was Deputy Secretary of 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 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.