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Lt. Governor, Cabinet Leaders Join West Corporation to Announce Dozens of Employment Opportunities for Wisconsin Veterans

Employer to host recruitment event for veterans at Appleton Job Center on Friday, December 13

APPLETON – Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch joined Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Secretary John Scocos and Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Deputy Secretary Jonathan Barry at West Corporation's jobs announcement today. West Corporation is seeking qualified veterans for approximately 75 employment opportunities at its Appleton office, which currently employs more than 1,000 full-time workers. West Corporation has grown by nearly 30% in Wisconsin over the last 18 months.

"West Corporation's announcement today is good news for veterans who are seeking new employment opportunities, and it is good news for Northeastern Wisconsin," Lt. Governor Kleefisch said. "The company is focusing its talent search on military veterans, who have sacrificed so much to protect our nation's freedom and should be honored for their service. Additionally, West Corporation has a strong resource in the Appleton Job Center as it looks to make dozens of new hires quickly."

DVA Secretary Scocos said: "I hope that other companies will follow the example set forth by the West Corporation and reach out to hire more veterans as part of their work force. Veterans have had years of invaluable training and possess the qualities that every employer is looking for including leadership, the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines and excellent planning and organizational skills."

Currently, 9.6% of West Corporation employees in Wisconsin are in the military or have had military experience.

DWD's Office of Veterans Services (OVS) plays a critical role in connecting veteran job seekers to available careers at Wisconsin employers like West Corporation. So far in 2013, OVS has coordinated services for more than 7,500 Wisconsin veterans, including more than 2,300 post-9/11 veterans.

"We owe it to our veterans to help them find new jobs when they return home," DWD Secretary Newson said. "Hiring a veteran is not only the right thing to do, it's smart for businesses that are looking for top-notch talent to help their company flourish. At the Department of Workforce Development, we and our regional workforce partners are honored to help facilitate these connections in any way we can."

West Corporation will host a speed interviewing event for veterans on Friday, December 13th, from 9:00AM – noon at the Appleton Job Center, 1802 Appleton Rd. in Menasha. Veteran job seekers interested in attending can contact Jackie Reuning at 920-380-8076 or jreuning@west.com.