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Governor Scott Walker Participates in Grand Opening of Hy-Vee Supermarket in Fitchburg

Fitchburg – Governor Scott Walker today participated in the grand opening celebration of the new, 85,000 square foot Hy-Vee supermarket in Fitchburg. The new store will employ about 600 people in full and part-time positions.

“Returning the state’s revenue surplus to the taxpayers of the state means more money to spend at stores like this one, to feed your families,” Governor Walker said. “It also allows job creators to invest more in their businesses, so they can grow and expand in Wisconsin.”

The new Fitchburg Hy-Vee is located in the Orchard Pointe area at the intersection of Highway 151/ Verona Road and Highway PD/McKee Road. The full-service supermarket features an in-store restaurant and pharmacy with drive-up. This is the third Hy-Vee store in the Madison area. The first opened in late 2011.

Wisconsin’s Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and its regional workforce partner, the South-Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, worked with Hy-Vee to recruit candidates for hundreds of job openings for its Madison-area stores, including full and part-time positions for its Fitchburg store and its previous store opening on Whitney Way in Madison. DWD sent e-mail blasts to job seekers and assisted applicants in completing applications. The employer hired department heads, shift managers, cashiers, stock clerks, and more with the assistance of DWD and partners.

Governor Walker introduced his *Blueprint for Prosperity* during the 2014 State of the State address, following news of the state’s \$911 million surplus, created by a strong economic recovery and long-term structural reforms.

Blueprint for Prosperity:

Cut property taxes by \$406 million. The typical homeowner will see an actual reduction of \$101 dollars on their next property tax bill.

Cut income taxes by \$98.6 million. Targeted to the lowest income tax bracket. Savings for a typical family of four making \$40,000, will be \$58. No one will get a bigger savings than that.

Adjust withholding for state income taxes by \$322.6 million, so you can keep more of your hard-earned paycheck. Beginning in April, a typical family of four will see \$57.90 more in their paychecks each month.

Increase the Wisconsin Fast Forward program by \$35 million to focus on three new areas:

- Invest in technical colleges to eliminate waiting lists for high demand fields including
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- manufacturing, agriculture and Information Technology;
- Help high school students get training in high demand jobs through dual enrollment programs between our high schools and technical colleges;
- Support the Year of the Better Bottom Line initiative, which helps people with disabilities enter the workforce.

For more information on the *Blueprint to Prosperity*, go to Prosperity.WI.gov.

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