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Dislocated Schweiger Furniture Workers to Receive Assistance

Jefferson – Governor Jim Doyle today announced today the availability of additional reemployment services for workers who lost jobs or suffered reduced work hours as a result of increased imports. Eligible workers include all workers of Schweiger Furniture, a division of KCS International, Inc., Jefferson, Wisconsin

“I am pleased that we are able to offer additional assistance to these workers. Wisconsin’s hard working and highly motivated workers have faced some tough economic times, and this additional funding will allow us to get these folks back on their feet and back into the workforce,” Governor Doyle said. “These individuals and their families need and deserve this assistance.”

The services, administered by the Department of Workforce Development and local Workforce Development Boards, are available through local Job Centers. The services are funded through the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, and include a comprehensive array of retraining and reemployment services tailored to meet the needs of the individual workers. Major activities and services for which these workers may qualify are:

- **Training** for employment in another job or career.
- **Income Support**, known as trade readjustment allowances (TRA).
- **Job Search Allowance** to cover expenses incurred in seeking employment outside normal commuting areas.
- **Relocation Allowances** for approved relocation expenses to relocate to a new area of employment.

“This federal funding will increase our capacity to serve all workers in the area, as we reconnect unemployed workers to employment as quickly as possible,” said DWD Secretary Roberta Gassman.

Individuals interested in receiving reemployment assistance should visit the DWD Internet site <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/programs/dislocated/default.htm> or contact a local Job Center. Call 888/258-9966 toll-free to find the nearest Job Center location.