August 29, 2008

Mr. Byron Zuidema, Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
230 South Dearborn Street, 6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Zuidema,

On behalf of Governor Jim Doyle, I am respectfully requesting the U.S. Department of Labor’s (DOL) approval of five waiver requests in the attached State Waiver Plan related to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The Waiver Plan was developed in accordance with WIA Section 189(i)(4).

With a new vision for our workforce development system, Wisconsin is now in a position to join the other thirty-plus states that already have a DOL approved waiver.

The waivers we are requesting are:

- Transfer of funds between Adult and Dislocated Worker Formula Allocation Funds;
- Incumbent Worker Training with Formula Funds;
- Youth Program Procurement Requirements;
- Unspent Formula Allocation Funds; and
- Common Measures

While we appreciate that DOL has 90 days to review and respond to state waiver plan, we respectfully request that you consider action on the waiver requests as soon as possible so that, (should you approve that request), we can complete the negotiated performance goals of the youth measures during the early stage of Program Year 2008-2009.

Finally, we understand that we may need to modify our current WIA State Modification Plan, and will await your guidance. If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this plan, please contact me at telephone 608-266-3485; Email: ron.danowski@dwd.state.wi.us. Thank you for your consideration of this Waiver Plan.

Sincerely,

Ron Danowski
Division Administrator
WIA State Liaison

cc: Roberta Gassman, Secretary
Catherine Brooks, ETA