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# Council on Workforce Investment

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The Honorable Scott Walker  
Governor  
115 East Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

The Outagamie County Board notified you on April 13, 2012, of their request to formally be re-designated as a member County of the Bay Area Workforce Development Area. The Workforce Investment Act provides procedural requirements for the State to address a workforce development area re-designation request including extensive analyses on service delivery and fiscal impacts and transparency of the Council's recommendation to the Governor for your final decision.

Secretary Newson and his staff conducted a thorough analysis of all of the issues pertaining to both the Fox Valley and Bay Area Workforce Development Areas. These were summarized in a report to the Council. In addition, Deputy Secretary Jonathan Barry and Division of Employment and Training managers met with the pertinent Local Elected Officials and Administrators of both areas.

At the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment meeting on July 26, 2012, the Council unanimously approved the following motion:

"Approve the Outagamie County Board request to leave the Fox Valley Workforce Development Area and be included in the Bay Area Workforce Development Area. The re-designation of both areas should be implemented by October 1, 2012."

If you determine that Outagamie County will be a part of the Bay Area Workforce Development Area, Secretary Newson will direct his staff to implement the two area re-designation by October 1, 2012. Given this tight turn-around, we look forward to your decision as soon as possible. Also, please note that the Act requires an appeal process. We will inform you should we receive an appeal within 30 days of your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tim Sullivan, Chair  
Council on Workforce Investment

cc: Secretary Newson, Department of Workforce Development  
Thomas Nelson, Outagamie County Executive  
James Barlow, Bay Area Chief Elected Official  
Bill Barribeau, Fox Valley Area Chief Elected Official

