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Division of Workforce System Support  
Employment and Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-4231  
Washington, DC 20210

ATTN: Kimberly Vitelli

Dear Ms. Vitelli:

This communication is Wisconsin's official request to extend the life of the State's Workforce Investment Act Plan and pertinent waivers through program year 2011. As the newly elected Governor, it is my intention to have a meaningful input process on the State's employment and training needs. I also want to frame a vision as we move quickly to help employers create jobs and develop skilled workers they need to be successful in the global economy.

As you are aware, Wisconsin has strong partnerships within the workforce investment system for having a pipeline of skilled workers employers need that are essential to help fuel Wisconsin's economic growth. I am also confident in the Department of Workforce Development's leadership to strengthen the education/skills training and workforce system. These efforts require a substantial time commitment, and full engagement of many people throughout the State, hence, a State Plan extension will be necessary at this time.

Secondly, the State has a number of approved waivers that I am requesting also be extended for the program year 2011. The attached lists those waivers that help create a more nimble workforce infrastructure, and expand innovative services to meet the needs of business and program participants.

Due to the importance of transparency in government, please be assured that we have notified our WIA workforce partners on our request to extend the life of the existing Plan as well as the DOL-approved waivers.

Thank you for the opportunity to extend the WIA State Plan and waivers for an interim period. I look forward to working with you on this vital Federal and State partnership.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker  
Governor
Workforce Investment Act Required Designees
Program Administration Designees and Plan Signature

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As the Governor, I certify that for the State of Wisconsin, the agencies and officials designated above have been duly designated to represent the State/Commonwealth in the capacities indicated for the Workforce Investment Act, Title I, and Wagner-Peyser Act grant programs. Subsequent changes in the designation of officials will be provided to the U.S. Department of Labor as such changes occur.

I further certify that we will operate our Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act programs in accordance with this Plan and the assurances herein.

Typed Name of Governor Scott Walker

Signature of Governor ___________________________ Date 2-11-2011