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Division of Workforce System Support  
Employment and Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Ave, NW, Room S-4231  
Washington, DC 20210  
ATTN: Janet Sten

Dear Ms. Sten:

Enclosed is the State of Wisconsin’s Workforce Investment Act State Plan. I appreciated the U.S. Department of Labor’s May 23, 2011 approval to extend the previous year’s Plan so that we could kick-off this program year in a timely fashion. It also afforded the opportunity to have a meaningfully input process of all partners throughout the State as well as provided me and my cabinet time to frame new workforce priorities.

Those new visions were developed together with the Governor’s Council on Workforce Investment. I am pleased that members of that Council have already been actively engaged in order to attain the level I have set for Wisconsin’s workforce system to be the best in the world. I have also enlisted State partners, the Workforce Development Boards, private-sector businesses and others to implement measures for a more flexible, nimble and effective workforce development system.

This is a vital focus for economic growth and job creation. We need workers who are skilled to meet the needs of the private-sector, and I believe the strategies in this State Plan will make that come to fruition across all high-demand industry sectors.

Please contact Scott Baumbach if you have questions or need further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker  
Governor

cc: Scott Baumbach, Secretary, Department of Workforce Development  
Bryon Zuidema, Regional Administrator, Employment and Training Administration