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Jim Doyle, Governor
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Dear Youth Apprenticeship Coordinators and Other Interested Parties:

We are pleased to announce the release of the 2009-2010 Youth Apprenticeship Application Request for Proposals. As you know Governor Doyle remains dedicated to providing opportunities for our students in Youth Apprenticeship Programs as demonstrated by his full support of the funding for this grant year.

The Governor stated in his 2009-11 biennial budget address that he is committed to protecting the priorities for Wisconsin's hardworking families and that includes – protecting education. Governor Doyle sees this program as an integral component of Wisconsin's workforce development strategy.

The Department of Workforce Development continues to develop new opportunities for job seekers while also meeting the needs of our local businesses in an effort to ensure continued growth and economic stability in Wisconsin. We would encourage you to coordinate your youth apprenticeship programs with our local Workforce Development Boards, our Growing Regional Opportunities in Wisconsin grant partnerships, with local Project Lead the Way programs, the Manufacturing Skills Standards Certification and other programs that will expand opportunities for our youth.

You are the reason that our youth continue to have this wonderful opportunity available to them. We thank you for your hard work and continued dedication to this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roberta Gassman', written over a horizontal line.

Roberta Gassman
Secretary