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DWD Secretary Gassman Elected to National Position
Joins Board of National Association of State Workforce Agencies

MADISON -- Roberta Gassman, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, has been elected by her peers to the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA).

Gassman also has been named Vice-Chair of NASWA's Employment and Training Committee and will become the Chair of the committee in September 2009. A high priority for NASWA over the next two years, and the top priority for the Employment and Training Committee, will be working with the new President and Congress to advance a strong national employment and training agenda.

"With our challenged national economy and the difficult impact this is having on states, workers and employers everywhere, I very much look forward to working with NASWA, Governor Doyle, the National Governors Association and other national workforce leaders to grow our state economy and our skilled labor force," said Gassman. "At this particular time in our country, we need a strengthened national commitment to worker training and I appreciate the opportunity to work with my colleagues on this important work ahead."

A member of Governor Doyle's Cabinet, Secretary Gassman has headed the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development since 2003. DWD provides training and employment assistance to job seekers, enforces worker's rights, administers the state's Unemployment Insurance, Apprenticeship, and Worker's Compensation programs and works with employers to find appropriate job candidates.

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