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Secretary Gassman Announces nearly \$110,000 for Worker Training as part of Governor Doyle's Commitment to Strengthen Workforce, Grow Economy

At Greenheck Fan, State Labor Secretary awards \$79,400 grant to train more than 400 workers

SCHOFIELD – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced four Workforce Advancement Training (WAT) grants of nearly \$110,000 to benefit over 700 workers, including a \$79,438 grant to train more than 400 workers of Greenheck Fan in Schofield.

"These worker training grants are among the latest in Governor Doyle's continuing investments in people," Secretary Gassman said. "Workers will receive training in advanced manufacturing, as well as in teamwork and leadership skills. The result will be more efficient operations, providing opportunities for employers to grow and add jobs."

Secretary Gassman said that Northcentral Technical College will provide Greenheck Fan employees training in Critical Core Manufacturing Skills, computer programming, design and manufacture of Greenheck Fan products, and market analysis. Employees also will receive training to improve communication, teamwork, supervision and customer service.

Secretary Gassman also announced WAT grants for the following training projects:

- \$15,816, training through NTC in advanced manufacturing for 150 workers at Jarp Industries, a Schofield manufacturer of hydraulic cylinders;
- \$7,980, training in facilities maintenance through Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids for 16 employees of Golden County Foods in Plover; and,
- \$6,530, training through MSTC for 128 workers at NewPage Corp. in Wisconsin Rapids to improve communication and teamwork in paper production.

At Greenheck Fan, Secretary Gassman cited the global manufacturer's longstanding commitment to energy conservation and efficiency. The company was one of the first manufacturers of ventilation equipment to join the U.S. Green Building Council. While manufacturing products for building projects based on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principles, Greenheck Fan has worked to reduce its energy use to become more competitive and support employment in a competitive global economy.

"Governor Doyle's number one priority is helping businesses expand, create jobs and give our workers opportunities to get those jobs," Secretary Gassman said. "He sees opportunities for both businesses and workers in clean energy and high-end manufacturing. These training grants will help employers improve their operations, become more competitive, and strengthen their workforce."

Secretary Gassman highlighted Governor Doyle's workforce agenda, including his Clean Energy Jobs Act. A recent independent analysis showed the comprehensive package will create more than 16,000 jobs and add \$5 billion to the Wisconsin economy by 2025.