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Secretary Gassman Recognizes Oshkosh Corporation for Its Leadership in Hiring Wisconsin Veterans

***State Labor Secretary also recognizes leading manufacturer for its commitment
to creating jobs and providing ongoing worker training***

OSHKOSH – During a visit to Oshkosh Corporation today, Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman commended the company for its ongoing commitment to hiring veterans and creating jobs for Wisconsin workers.

“Any employer who is looking for superb talent would do well to consider Wisconsin’s veterans, and I commend the Oshkosh Corporation for its strong efforts to hire these dedicated men and women, who have served our country with honor,” Secretary Gassman said. “Through its hiring strategies, along with its production of military vehicles recognized worldwide for their safety and excellence, Oshkosh Corporation leads on many fronts in serving our armed forces.”

Oshkosh Corporation has hired over 110 people with military service just since 2009, and it will continue to recruit veterans as potential employees. As part of its recruitment strategy, the company recently participated in a Milwaukee-based veteran’s job fair, one of 18 fairs being held this year in 15 communities across the state through an initiative launched by DWD and its partners.

Secretary Gassman said the DWD shares a strong commitment to hiring and serving veterans. Since 2009, DWD has hired 70 disabled veterans, including 20 women and 11 minorities, to help provide employment and training services to other veterans. Last year, DWD and its partners provided job services to approximately 8,000 veterans statewide.

Through a federal grant program, DWD offers veterans services through local Job Centers. These services include help in developing resumes, improving interview skills and other services.

“Although these are challenging economic times, we are seeing job growth,” Secretary Gassman said. “We encourage employers to consider our valued veterans just as we encourage Wisconsin workers to explore additional education and training they might need to meet the needs of today’s employers.”

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