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## **Governor Walker Announces Additional \$2.16 Million in Federal Funding for Dislocated Worker Training in Northeastern Wisconsin**

### ***Latest National Emergency Grant installment to continue services to 1,350 workers***

MADISON – Governor Scott Walker today announced an additional \$2.16 million in federal funding is now available to continue employment and training services for 1,350 workers affected by multiple layoffs and plant closings in northeastern Wisconsin over the past two years.

“We are taking bold, aggressive action to create jobs,” Governor Walker said. “This additional funding will help these workers improve their skills so that they can return to work as jobs become available.”

The new funding is being provided as a supplement to a National Emergency Grant (NEG) initially awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor nearly two years ago. The NEG program provides funding to states when significant events create a sudden need for assistance.

In August 2009, Wisconsin was awarded NEG funding of more than \$3.4 million to serve more than 1,200 dislocated workers affected by multiple layoffs at 11 Bay Area manufacturers. The funding was paid in two installments to provide services for workers displaced by JL French, Sheboygan; Genmar Yacht Group (Carver Boats), Pulaski; Koenig and Vits, Manitowoc; Marinette Marine, Marinette; Kohler, Sheboygan; Pentair Filtration, Sheboygan; Manitowoc Company, Manitowoc; Federal Mogul, Manitowoc; Karl Schmidt Unisia, Marinette; KCS International (Cruisers), Oconto and Winsert, Marinette.

Since then, layoffs have occurred at other manufacturers in the region, and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) requested additional funding. With the new funding, training is being expanded to include workers displaced by Bay Shipbuilding, Sturgeon Bay; Busch Agricultural, Manitowoc; Gardner Denver-Thomas Industries, Sheboygan, and Owens Flooring, Shawano. Also included are workers displaced recently at Kohler and Manitowoc Cranes.

Services are being coordinated by DWD and provided through the Bay Area Workforce Development Board. NEG funding is being coordinated with resources available through the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program. The project commits significant resources to occupational retraining.

Supportive services include travel payments, child care and other training related expenses. Workers with skills in demand are being assisted in job search activities including workshops on resumes, interviewing and analysis of transferable skills. Those determined to need skill development to find suitable employment have a variety of training options to select from.