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## **Secretary Perez Appoints Craig Barkelar Administrator of DWD's Division of Unemployment Insurance**

### **New leader brings accounting, financial auditing experience to oversee the UI Division**

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Manny Perez today announced the appointment of Craig Barkelar as Administrator of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Division.

“Craig Barkelar has close to a quarter-century of experience in administration, program management and accounting in a variety of public sector settings, and I am pleased he will be part of our management team,” Secretary Perez said. “His outstanding business, auditing and financial background will be an asset to our agency as we maintain our commitment to timely, accurate Unemployment Insurance payments while supporting judicious management of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.”

Administrator Barkelar spent the first 17 years of his career investigating legislative and state agency concerns such as fraud and waste. He also has developed strategies for improving state and local programs; management practices; compliance with statutes, rules and contractual requirements; and public accountability.

Administrator Barkelar joins DWD from Wisconsin State Fair Park, where he has worked since 2004 as Deputy Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to that, he worked as a Performance Evaluation Analyst in the Division of Executive Budget and Finance, Wisconsin Department of Administration. He began his public service career as a Program Evaluation and Financial Audit Supervisor for the Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau.

Administrator Barkelar received his bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis on accounting from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh in 1986. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 1990, a Certified Government Financial Manager in 1996 and is currently completing the Wisconsin Certified Public Manager program.

Administrator Barkelar's appointment is effective May 9.