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Interim Secretary Baumbach Cites Improving Business Climate, Additional Employment Opportunities in the Marathon County Region

WAUSAU – During a visit to the Marathon County Job Center, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Interim Secretary Scott Baumbach today cited the improving business climate and demand for labor in the region, as Wisconsin's economy continues to improve under the leadership of Governor Scott Walker.

“Job growth statewide has been on the rise ever since Governor Walker took office in January and declared Wisconsin open for business,” Interim Secretary Baumbach said. “With some 28,000 jobs currently posted on www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com, this is the time for jobseekers to intensify their search. Additionally, resume-writing assistance, job counseling and many other services are available through the nearest Job Center to help get Wisconsinites working again.”

Interim Secretary Baumbach noted that nearly 3,400 jobs are currently available in the nine-county North Central Workforce Development Board area. He also indicated the unemployment rate in each of the nine counties was lower in April than in both April 2010 and March 2011 (two time periods used to compare rates). Stevens Point and Wausau, the two largest cities in the region, have also seen decreases in their unemployment rates.

While at the Marathon County Job Center, Interim Secretary Baumbach met with Rene Daniels, Executive Director of the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, and Tom Younger, Job Service District Director in Wausau. In addition, he met with members of the One Stop Operators Committee, a partnership for workforce development in North Central Wisconsin.

Job seekers can find more information about employment opportunities at:

<https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/>

To find your local or regional Job Center: www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory