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## **DWD Secretary Newson Cites Job Center Services, DWD Strategic Goals, Encourages Racine-area Jobseekers to Continue Employment Search**

### ***While keynoting Racine County Workforce Development Center 15th Anniversary Event***

RACINE – During a visit to the Racine County Workforce Development Center today, Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson congratulated the county's Workforce Development Center on 15 years in operation. At the same time, he explained DWD's new strategic plan, and alerted jobseekers to opportunities available through [www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com).

"On behalf of Governor Walker, thank you for the great work you do. You are helping to connect jobseekers with jobs, which strengthens communities and helps Wisconsin's economy," said Secretary Newson. "Since taking office in January, Governor Walker's strategy has been to advance the economy and help create jobs."

The Workforce Development Center is co-located with the county Human Service Department at the Dennis Kornwolf Racine County Service Center, 1717 Taylor Avenue in Racine. The 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, which included both agencies, also featured remarks by Racine County Executive James A. Ladwig.

Secretary Newson pointed out that so far this year, Wisconsin has added more than 29,000 private sector jobs. Wisconsin's September unemployment rate was 7.8 percent, and remains below that of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. In addition, job centers such as the Racine County Workforce Development Center are on the front lines of helping jobseekers pursue jobs. Potential employees and employers alike are encouraged to take advantage of the resources available at the job center as well as through [www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com).

"DWD's strategic goals present an ambitious challenge for our agency, but we're confident that with the help of strong partners such as the ones represented here today, we will get the job done." Said Secretary Newson. "Our goals are to connect job seekers to jobs; support the development of a highly skilled labor force; achieve Unemployment Insurance solvency and increase program integrity; and deliver DWD services more efficiently and support increased transparency and accountability."

With approximately 1,600 employees, DWD works with employers to fill jobs, provides training and employment services to workers, enforces workers' rights, and administers Unemployment Insurance and Worker's Compensation programs.