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## **Secretary Newson announces dramatic increase in job orders posted by employers on [www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com)**

*Job order tally last week doubles 2011 weekly total, more than triples 2010 weekly total*

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development Secretary (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today announced a dramatic increase in job orders employers are posting statewide on DWD’s online job site – doubling the total for the same week in 2011 and more than tripling the tally for the same week in 2010 – underscoring the success of Governor Scott Walker’s “Open for Business” strategies to encourage economic expansion and job growth.

“The increases we’re seeing on [www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com) reinforce the impact that Governor Walker’s agenda has had in encouraging Wisconsin employers to fill open positions and add new workers,” said Secretary Newson. “Wisconsin job creators have overwhelmingly indicated their support for the Governor’s reforms and we’ve seen the results with almost 18,000 private-sector jobs created in only the first two months of the year.”

As the state’s premier labor exchange, [www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com) receives thousands of job openings from employers around the state each week. Since Governor Walker took office, the number of jobs posted has increased dramatically from 2010 to 2011 and is poised for another year of significant growth.

More than 2,500 job orders were placed last week, compared to 1,244 the same week a year ago and 723 in 2010. Job orders can consist of one opening or multiple positions. On Thursday, the number of job openings posted exceeded 38,000.

The website is a free resource for both job seekers and employers and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Initially created in 2008, recent enhancements have been made based on customer feedback.

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.