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## **DWD Secretary Newson Announces \$1.7 million in Special Response Grants to Assist Dislocated Workers**

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today announced more than \$1.7 million in Special Response Grant funding has been awarded to nine state workforce development boards to provide re-employment and training services to almost 1,600 dislocated workers statewide.

“Governor Walker is committed to connecting job seekers to jobs, including dislocated workers who are out of work through no fault of their own,” Secretary Newson said. “The services provided by these grant dollars are designed to help dislocated workers access specialized services that can connect them to new opportunities more quickly.”

A total of \$1,715,541 in federal dollars was awarded to provide services such as skills assessments, job search and placement assistance, career counseling, soft-skills training, and vocational training.

The Workforce Development Boards receiving funds include:

- Southeast - \$175,000 to assist 100 workers
- Milwaukee - \$495,000 to assist 300 workers
- Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington - \$93,400 to assist 40 workers
- Fox Valley - \$52,991 to assist 46 workers
- Bay Area - \$124,100 to assist 250 workers
- North Central - \$425,000 to assist 585 workers
- West Central - \$107,000 to assist 75 workers
- Western - \$118,050 to assist 100 workers
- South Central - \$125,000 to assist 100 workers

The source of the Special Response Grant program is federal Workforce Investment Act funds, which are overseen by the U.S. Department of Labor and issued by state agencies including DWD.