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Sec. Newson Announces Dennis Schuh as Program Manager in New Office of Skills Development, Part of Governor Walker's Wisconsin Fast Forward Initiative

Scott Jansen named earlier as Office of Skills Development Director

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today announced Dennis Schuh has been named Program Manager in the new Office of Skills Development (OSD), as DWD moves to implement Governor Walker's Wisconsin Fast Forward initiative and meet employers' needs for skilled workers. Schuh will join new OSD Director Scott Jansen in overseeing the Wisconsin Fast Forward program, including the administration of \$15 million in worker training grants.

"Dennis Schuh and Scott Jansen have a wealth of experience that will serve us well as we move quickly to implement the provisions of Governor Walker's Fast Forward initiative," Secretary Newson said. "When Governor Walker unveiled Wisconsin Fast Forward, the Legislature promptly approved it with strong, bipartisan support in both chambers. Given this sound strategy and strong support, we are moving with all deliberate speed to get the office and the grant program up and running as soon as possible."

Schuh, an attorney with more than 25 years of previous legal experience, moves to his new role from DWD's Division of Employment & Training, where he recently moved following his departure from the Department of Corrections, where he had served as Executive Assistant since January 2011.

Jansen was named OSD Director in early May following his role as Talent Dividend Director for the Greater Milwaukee Committee since May 2011. Prior to that, he spent 27 years with AT&T, retiring as regional vice president of external affairs. As Talent Dividend Director, he led community efforts to increase educational attainment in the region and help returning adults earn degrees and training certificates.

DWD recently submitted for legislative review language to create administrative rules governing the grant program. Public hearings will be held this year as part of the rule-making process. Training grants could be made available for application by the end of 2013.

Wisconsin Fast Forward also includes funding for a new, cutting-edge Labor Market Information System to track job vacancies and link unemployed workers to openings they are qualified to fill or to training to help them become qualified.