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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 4, 2014 – Central Wisconsin Job Fair connects 375 Job Seekers with over 80 Hiring Employers



Department of Workforce Development Deputy Secretary Jonathan Barry of Madison (center) talks with Wisconsin Rapids Job Center staff, Al Leazer (left) and Jennifer Gear (right), during his visit to the Central Wisconsin Fall Job Fair.

Central WI – Whether hoping to find a better job, a fresh start, or a new career direction, 375 job seekers were provided an opportunity to connect with over 80 hiring employers at the Central Wisconsin Job Fair. A variety of employers from both the public and private sectors were available and eager to hire for approximately 713 openings in a wide range of fields.

Events like the Central Wisconsin Job Fair, which connect Wisconsin's talented workers with employers looking to hire, are a critical part of the ongoing efforts to strengthen our innovation economy and support a strong middle class. By supporting and hosting job fairs, Wisconsin's Job Centers, Technical Colleges, and participating job fair sponsors, are helping build a stronger, more innovative Wisconsin.

"Governor Walker has invested more than \$100 million in workforce development initiatives across Wisconsin to prepare workers for openings that employers have available today," said Department of Workforce Development Deputy Secretary Jonathan Barry. "Events like the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board Job Fair provide opportunities for employers to find the skilled talent they need to fill these openings."

Along with the coordination of job fairs, Wisconsin Job Centers provide services, resources, and tools to assist both job seekers and employers with the entire job search process including Internet access, employment counseling, skill assessments, and workshops on job searching, resume writing, and interviewing techniques. The Central Wisconsin Job Fair is a collaborative effort of the Wisconsin Rapids Job Center and Mid-State Technical College (MSTC). The Job Fair was held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the MSTC campus in Wisconsin Rapids. Other event sponsors include the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board; Gannett Central Wisconsin; Hot 96.7; 103.3, WGLX Classic Rock; Y106.5, Today's Best Country; and Big Cheese, 107.9 FM Radio.

Central Wisconsin job seekers can visit the Wisconsin Rapids Job Center, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 320 West Grand Avenue in Wisconsin Rapids; or contact the center by phone at 715.422.5000.

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The North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board is a public/private partnership between government and business that provides oversight to area Job Centers and plans, administers and coordinates Workforce Investment Act (WIA) employment and training programs for Adults, Youth and Dislocated Workers in the North Central Wisconsin counties of Adams; Forest; Langlade; Lincoln; Marathon; Oneida; Portage; Vilas; and Wood. To visit NCWWDB's website go to: www.ncwwdb.org.

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