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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: NCWWDB Fills Vacant Business Service Director and Administrative Assistant Positions

12-12-14 – Stevens Point, WI - The North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board is pleased to announce two new staff members to its organization.



Derek Heikkinen

New to the position of Business Services Director is Derek Heikkinen. As Business Services Director, Heikkinen will be responsible for leading the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board in becoming an employer-responsive workforce training and development system within the nine-county region it serves.

Heikkinen received his bachelor's degree in Communication and a minor in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Previously, he worked as the E-Commerce Director for Park City Credit Union, where he developed online and mobile banking applications.

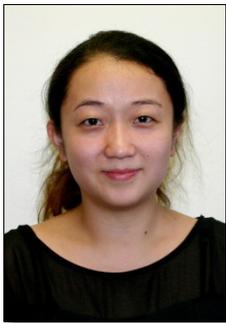
Derek grew up totally immersed in a manufacturing culture. With both of his parents still working in the manufacturing field, Heikkinen knows first-hand how integral the manufacturing industry is to the economic growth and support of north central Wisconsin communities.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to do work that will ultimately benefit the economic growth and development of manufacturing in north central Wisconsin," Heikkinen said.

Heikkinen's past, non-profit work experience includes internships with The Arts Alliance of Portage County and Meals on Wheels of Portage County.

"I really enjoy working in the non-profit sector because you get to build strong community relationships and your work has an opportunity to help others, which is ultimately the most rewarding and beneficial part," said Heikkinen.

Heikkinen's hobbies and interests include exercise and weight training, hunting, fishing, sports, spending time with family and friends, and reading. Contact Derek Heikkinen at 715-204-1647 or email him at dheikkinen@ncwwdb.org.



Douajee Vang

New to the position of Administrative Assistant is Douajee Vang. Vang is a recent graduate from the University of Stevens Point and holds a degree in Healthcare Administration and a minor in Business Administration. Along with her administrative assistant duties, she will help coordinate WorkKeys skills assessments, provide assistance to the financial department, and assist in implementation of various health care grants.

"Being a part of the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board is an exciting opportunity. I am eager to learn about workforce grants and their processes, connect with individuals making a difference in their communities, and working with all the different organizations that make positive impacts on those involved in the programs," said Vang.

In her spare time, Vang enjoys hunting, fishing, drawing, and painting. A native of Minnesota, Douajee and her husband Vang currently reside in Wisconsin Rapids. To contact Douajee Vang call her at 715-204-1640 or email her at dvang@ncwwdb.org.

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The North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board is a public/private partnership between government and business that provides over-sight to area Job Centers and plans, administers and coordinates Workforce Investment Act (WIA) employment and training programs for Youth, Adults 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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