

# **Dept. of Workforce Development: Wisconsin business closing & mass layoff (WARN) notice: Goetz Companies, Inc. & Zalk Josephs Fabricators**

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DWD has received the following Wisconsin Business Closing and Mass Layoff (WARN) notices:

**Goetz Companies, Inc. (Petro of Portage Travel Center)** – Goetz Companies, Inc. (Petro of Portage Travel Center), located at N5800 Kinney Road, Portage, WI 53901 is in the process of selling its business. The buyer has agreed to hire substantially all of the company’s non-management employees. This notice was filed out of “an abundance of caution” and to the extent any job losses occur as a result of the sale, approximately 104 employees could be affected. The South Central Workforce Development Board Rapid Response Team will contact the company to offer Rapid Response Services if needed.

**Zalk Josephs Fabricators, LLC** – Zalk Josephs Fabricators, LLC, located at 400 Industrial Circle, Stoughton, WI 53589 will be temporarily laying off approximately 50-55 employees beginning on or around July 22, 2017. The layoffs are expected to be no longer than 8 weeks. The South Central Workforce Development Board Rapid Response Team will contact the company to offer Rapid Response Services.

## **Workforce Development Dislocated Worker Services Summary**

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Dislocated Worker Program provides transition assistance to workers and companies affected by permanent worker layoffs. The Program's local Rapid Response Teams help companies and worker representatives develop and implement a practical transition plan based on the size of the layoff event. Types of services include:

- pre-layoff workshops on a variety of topics such as resume writing and interviewing, job search strategies, and budgeting
- provision of information about programs and resources through written materials and information sessions
- career and resource fairs.

Workers affected by permanent layoff may also access basic re-employment services at no charge through the state's Job Centers. Some services, including training assistance, may be an option for some workers after enrolling in one or more of DWD's workforce development programs. While all companies faced with permanent worker layoffs are encouraged to seek assistance from the local Rapid Response Teams, some companies may be required to give 60 days notice before a mass layoff or closing under federal and/or state law. More information about advance notice requirements is available at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dislocatedworker/>.