

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development: Governor Scott Walker proclaims November 12-18 as Apprenticeship Week in Wisconsin

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MADISON – Governor Scott Walker has proclaimed November 12-18 as Apprenticeship Week throughout the state to celebrate the successes of the nation’s first regulated Apprenticeship program and the high-quality careers available to those who participate in an Apprenticeship program.

“With Wisconsin’s economy continuing to grow and even more opportunities becoming available through the additions of companies such as Foxconn, Haribo and more, Wisconsin’s world class Apprenticeship program is providing vital workforce training that will keep our industries strong and thriving,” Governor Walker said.

Wisconsin DWD’s Registered Apprenticeship program, which was created in 1911 and has served as a national model for generations, provides a value-added training model for as many as 11,000 apprentices and 2,500 employers in over 200 occupations across the state annually.

“For more than a century, DWD’s Apprenticeship program has proven itself as an effective method for training Wisconsin’s workforce for skills that are in demand by

job creators across the state, “Secretary Ray Allen said. “Additionally, through the federal WAGE\$ grant, Wisconsin is expanding the Apprenticeship program into areas such as Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare and Information Technology.”

Throughout Apprenticeship Week, the Department of Workforce Development’s (DWD) Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards will be coordinating numerous events centered on Apprenticeship training opportunities in Wisconsin:

The week will kick-off with a meeting of participants in the Wisconsin Leaders Program, consisting of apprenticeship leaders at all levels throughout the state to discuss best practices and share information.

Throughout the week, apprenticeship training centers throughout Wisconsin will be opening their doors for open houses, presentations and tours aimed at increasing awareness of the opportunities stemming from an apprenticeship program.

The week will also feature a tour of the Milwaukee Bucks new arena in downtown Milwaukee, with presentations by apprentices and special guest speakers.

For more information on these and additional events, please visit:

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/events/>