



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 88

**Relating to the Recreation of the
Governor's Council on Workforce Investment**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin recognizes that economic health, growth, and global competitiveness are dependent on a highly skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin recognizes that a highly skilled workforce capable of attracting and sustaining quality industries and promoting economic growth is dependent on quality education, employment and training systems; and

WHEREAS, the quality and preparedness of the Wisconsin workforce are the shared responsibility of many people and organizations, both public and private, at the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a need for a coordinated and comprehensive approach to workforce development, utilizing federal, state and local resources in conjunction with our economic development goals and strategies; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated system will better meet the needs of those it serves, including the needs of employers for skilled workers, and the needs of workers, including new entrants into the labor force, incumbent workers and those seeking employment; and

WHEREAS, building a workforce investment system recognizes the strong need for preparing our youth and providing high quality post-secondary education and other initiatives, which develop skilled workers and high performance workplaces; and

WHEREAS, the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (hereinafter "WIA, Public Law 105-220") requires that a multitude of workforce preparation and development programs form the foundation of the system to deliver the state's training, education and employment programs in a single, customer-focused, user friendly service system; and

WHEREAS, a high quality, continuously improving and comprehensive workforce system in Wisconsin necessitates a state workforce council with strong business leadership, commitment and collaboration of business, labor, state and local government, educational institutions and workforce-related organizations;

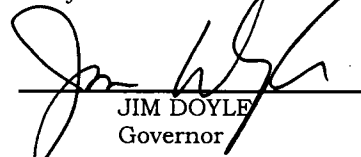
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment (hereinafter "Council");
2. Provide that the Council shall consist of members appointed in accordance with 29 U.S. Code section 2821, and that the Council may include additional members concerned with workforce development, as the Governor may so designate;
3. Direct that the Council shall meet the criteria and carry out the duties and functions prescribed in WIA, Public Law 105-220 (see required list);
4. Direct that all appropriate state agencies work together on the Council and at the local level to develop a strong, skilled workforce for Wisconsin's future;

5. Direct that the Council also advise the Governor on workforce development strategy and policy and undertake research and other activities to assist the Governor in enhancing the operation and performance of workforce programs in the state;
6. Direct the Council to provide direction and guidance for the Wisconsin Forward Award to advance high performance workplaces and advance other initiatives to support a skilled workforce. In carrying out these responsibilities, the Council may establish necessary public-private partnerships to provide ongoing operating support to the Wisconsin Forward Award and other initiatives;
7. Direct that the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, as the lead agency, shall provide staff support for the Council, with assistance from other agencies as appropriate; and
8. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Council with such sums of money as are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with section 20.505(4)(ba) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

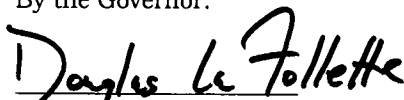


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this second day of February, in the year two thousand five.



JIM DOYLE
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State