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Wisconsin's Participation in the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices Policy Academy on State Sector Strategies

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Wisconsin Selected to Participate in the NGA Center for Best Practices Policy Academy

Earlier this month, the National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices Policy Academy, along with its partners, the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce and the National Network of Sector Partners, announced the competitive selection of six states to participate in a new national Policy Academy as part of their joint project: Accelerating the Adoption of State Sector Strategies.

Wisconsin is very pleased to have been selected for this prestigious academy along with the states of Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire and New York. Governor Doyle's designated team of senior leaders was recognized by the Policy Academy as being uniquely positioned to develop and implement substantial changes in policies and practices utilizing industry-specific, regional approaches to addressing workforce needs.

**Purpose of the Policy Academy:
To Address Workforce Challenges through Regional and Industry Sector Strategies**

By the conclusion of the one-year Academy, states will develop and begin to implement strategic action plans that align policies and resources across workforce development, economic development and education to create customized, regional solutions to address the skill, recruitment, and retention needs of key industries and the training, employment, and career advancement needs of workers.

**Wisconsin Core Team Charge:
Develop Recommendations and Action Plan to Implement Regional Sector Strategies**

Since taking office, Governor Doyle has worked to strengthen regional workforce and economic development efforts throughout the state, recognizing that our economy is not confined by geographic boundaries. We have assembled a talented team to carry the Governor's mission forward to increase the state's capacity for advancing our workforce and economic development goals. The Policy Academy provides us with an excellent opportunity to take part in intensive peer-to-peer and customized planning activities leading to the development of an action plan for advancing regional sector strategies in Wisconsin.

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Preparing our workforce for the future requires a shared understanding of the types of skills and knowledge our workers will need to fill good-paying job opportunities. By strengthening regional partnerships among schools, technical colleges, public and private universities, workforce development boards, labor unions, businesses and the state, we can deliver the training and resources our workers need to improve their skills, knowledge, and production, while also providing businesses with the qualified workers they need to compete in today's economy.

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