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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Opportunity Grant Extended to Help Individuals in North Central Wisconsin

4/7/2010 - The North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board received \$87,500 from the Department of Workforce Development to implement Governor Doyle's Opportunity Grant Program, an initiative that is part of his Grow Wisconsin plan. **This program has been extended to December 31, 2010.**

Applicant requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Be employed or in temporary layoff status (with documentation) but earning an income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Possess a High School diploma or equivalent. (Applicant can possess a college degree that is more than 7 years old and has not worked professionally in the degree)
- Enrolled half-time or less in Technical college classes (8 credits or less) unless applicant is not eligible for financial aid (with the exception of a Federal Pell grant)

Field of Study requirements:

- Occupational training must be consistent with the WDB determined demand occupations or in support of regional sector strategies including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, biotechnology, information technology and energy.

Opportunity Grants can cover up to \$1000 of instructional costs and fees paid directly to the school, books and consumable supplies/materials. The grant can also provide wrap-around or support services to include the cost of uniforms, tools, licensure exam fees, transportation assistance, childcare and other supports necessary for the successful participation in training.

For more information, or to apply for the Opportunity Grant, contact:

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NCWWDB: The North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board is a public / private partnership between government and business that plans, administers and coordinates Workforce Investment Act (WIA) employment and training programs for adults and youth in the North Central Wisconsin counties of Adams, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas, and Wood. Visit NCWWDB at: www.ncwwdb.org.

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