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### REP. NELSON ANNOUNCES \$4 MILLION IN WORKER TRAINING FUNDS FOR BAY AREA AND FOX VALLEY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

MADISON – Representative Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) announced today that almost \$4 million in worker training funds will be disbursed to the Bay Area and Fox Valley Workforce Development Boards, which run job centers in Brown, Outagamie and Shawano Counties. The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) allocated \$38 million to the State of Wisconsin for worker training and employment services. The disbursement of these funds was approved by the legislature’s Joint Finance Committee (JFC) earlier today.

“Creating jobs is critical to the health of our working families and to the health of our economy,” said Rep. Nelson. “This infusion of funds will boost employment services and working training programs, so people in Wisconsin can get back to work.”

The Department of Workforce Development will allocate these funds to the 11 WDBs located throughout the state. Each board runs several one-stop Job Centers, where displaced workers can receive employment services. Job Centers provide a wide range of services like job search and placement assistance, information on unemployment insurance claims, career counseling, GED training, and help with interviewing skills.

For workers who need to update their skills in order to find employment, Job Centers also provide training and re-training services. Workers are matched with a qualified training provider like an educational institution or an apprenticeship program. These providers offer everything from adult literacy training to on-the-job instruction to help Wisconsin workers gain the skills they need to compete for the jobs of tomorrow.

“As we navigate through these challenging economic times, my number one priority is getting people back to work and getting our economy moving again,” continued Rep. Nelson. “I will continue to work to ensure that workforce development funds are used quickly and efficiently to get working families the help they need.”

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