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Dear Jim,

Late yesterday, Senator Baldwin and Mayor Tom Barrett announced \$6 million in grant funding to expand regional workforce development programs and help train more than 1,430 individuals for middle-to-high-skilled jobs.

The America's Promise Job-Driven grant from the Department of Labor has been awarded to Employ Milwaukee and Midwest Urban Strategies, an alliance of 11 urban Midwest workforce boards.

"As the demand for a highly skilled workforce continues to grow, we need to ensure that our workforce is getting the education and skills they need to fill those jobs," said Senator Baldwin. "This grant funding will have a tremendous impact in helping us invest in Wisconsin's workforce and help us raise incomes and strengthen the middle class."

The award will also help coordinate regional planning to attract and retain businesses and talent to grow the Midwest economy.

"America's Promise strengthens the consortium of urban Midwest workforce boards and their collaborative planning efforts to attract and retain businesses and talent to

grow the regional economy," said Earl Buford, Employ Milwaukee President and CEO. "It is our 'promise' to expand regional partnerships to provide a pipeline of workers to fill existing job openings, meet business needs for expansion, and fuel the talent needs of entrepreneurs."

Additionally, the America's Promise Job-Driven grant will help integrate efforts and resources to fully maximize federal, state and local funds to build a competitive regional workforce system.

"We are thrilled to be receiving the America's Promise award. It will ensure job seekers are connected to educational opportunities and career pathways," said Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett. "It is an example of strong regional collaboration to develop a highly skilled workforce across the Midwest and bring much needed resources to Milwaukee."

[Read more about the America's Promise Job-Driven grant from the Department of Labor and Employ Milwaukee here.](#)



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