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Rocky Marcoux  
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Deputy Commissioner

April 19, 2010

Mayor Tom Barrett  
City Hall, Room 201

Ald. Willie L. Hines, Jr.  
Common Council President  
City Hall, Room 205

Dear Mayor Barrett and Ald. Hines:

Common Council file # 080011, which approved modifications to the City of Milwaukee's water sale agreement with the City of New Berlin, requires that designees of the Mayors of both communities meet annually to discuss "opportunities to improve the availability of skilled workers in both communities and to improve the access of workers in each community to job opportunities."

I am writing to report that the 2010 annual meeting was held on April 19, 2010 at New Berlin's City Hall. The following individuals participated in the meeting:

- Rocky Marcoux, *Commissioner, Milwaukee Dept. of City Development*
- Martha Brown, *Deputy Commissioner, Milwaukee Dept. of City Development*
- Delores Graves, *Business Services Manager, Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board*
- Mayor Jack F. Chiovatero, *City of New Berlin*
- Gregory Kessler, *Director of Community Development, City of New Berlin*

We had a very cordial exchange of information and ideas: We discussed recent business development in both communities, worker transportation issues, and the promising activities of the Wisconsin Seasonal Workforce Coalition, through which local employers, MAWIB and non-profit organizations work together to shape seasonal employment as the foundation for long-term permanent employment. (This is particularly important for the Milwaukee/New Berlin connection because of the very high rates of seasonal hiring by BuySeasons, located in the New Berlin Industrial Park.) We also discussed the likely patterns of future development in each city, based on recently completed Smart Growth Comprehensive Plans.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional details about the meeting.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux  
Commissioner

- C: Ald. Robert Bauman, Chair, Common Council Public Works Committee
- Carrie Lewis, Milwaukee Water Works
- Ron Leonhardt, City Clerk
- Myra Edwards, Office of the Mayor

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