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ENCLOSURE 5, Attachment 1



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Robert T. Borremans, Ed.D., Executive Director
Southwest WI Workforce Development Board (SWWDB)
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Dear Dr. Borremans:

I am writing today regarding the recent action taken by the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (WDB). As you can imagine, I am disappointed in the decision, given the outstanding performance that Job Service staff have helped the WDB achieve.

I remain hopeful that the WDB will change its mind and continue to draw upon the excellent contractors who have helped it achieve such success in recent years. However, if that is not to be, then I would respectfully request the following information be provided as soon as possible:

- ♦ Your intent regarding the current contract and the length of its extension, and
- ♦ Timelines regarding transfer of staffing and services

As you know, the WDB decision will have a substantial impact on Job Service. We do not have sufficient resources to support these staff. As a result, in order to meet contracted obligations and to provide as much notice as possible to those affected, numerous Job Service will be placed at-risk of layoff.

I would finally ask you to strongly consider offering automatic interviews to all affected Job Service staff who are interested in working for the WDB or its subsidiary organization. In most cases, these will be the very same staff who helped the WDB achieve such excellent results over the last few years.

Finally, please note that should the WDB decision continue to fruition, Job Service will most likely not have sufficient staff to continue providing call center support to the Virtual Job Center.

If you would like to discuss any of this further, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, thank you in advance for addressing the above questions so I can quickly develop plans to attend to the staffing issues that will soon be facing Job Service.

Sincerely,

Brian Solomon, Director
Wisconsin Job Service

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