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SOUTHWEST TECH IS JOB SERVICE PROGRAM OPERATOR FOR REGION

Southwest Tech will be the new service provider, operating under a contract with the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (SWWDB), assisting unemployed workers and job seekers residing in Grant, Lafayette, Iowa and Richland Counties looking for workforce services and training opportunities, starting July 1, 2010.

The other two counties in the SWWDB area — Green and Rock — will be offered services through Manpower, with locations at 749 10th Ave. Ct. in Monroe and an office in the Rock County Job Center, 1900 Center Ave., Janesville.

“We’re excited to be working with an experienced and successful organization such as Southwest Tech,” said Dr. Robert T. Borremans, Executive Director of the SWWDB. “They have a plethora of experience in working with Workforce Investment Act (WIA) clients and service providers, which will translate into relevant services for clients.” He also indicated that since they have a Job Center on their campus, the transition should be relatively seamless.

Barb Tucker, Director of Institutional Advancement for Southwest Tech, said “Employment and training is what we do. So this WIA program operator opportunity is a perfect fit.”

Wisconsin Job Service has provided the overall services for numerous years, and they will continue to operate and offer other services through the area Job Centers, however, Southwest Tech will now handle all WIA services, such as case management and working directly with clients seeking jobs or training.

Southwest Tech has provided training under WIA for many years and they are knowledgeable about the employment and training needs of the area, according to Borremans. He cited the recently-passed \$32 million referendum as an example of the community support. Southwest Tech has placed 95 percent of their graduates available for employment, according to their most recent graduate follow-up report, with 99 percent of the employers who hired the graduates reporting they were satisfied or very satisfied with the graduates they hired. The Southwest Tech Job Center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1800 Bronson Boulevard in Fennimore. Call (608) 822-2334 for further

information. In addition to the Southwest Tech Job Center, services will also be provided to Richland Center, Dodgeville, and Darlington.

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