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### GRANTS SUPPORTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO UN-, UNDER-EMPLOYED

The Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (SWWDB) has received several grants which, along with partner agencies, allows it to provide both adults and youth avenues and resources to pursue training and careers relevant to today's marketplace. Among the standard programs offered are Dislocated Workers, Adult, In-School and Out-of-School Youth (ages 14-21).

In addition the SWWDB has received special funding to serve designated populations in the Southwest Wisconsin Area (Rock, Green, Lafayette, Grant, Iowa and Richland Counties). The following information further explains some of the programs/grants:

- **POWER Grant** (Paths to Older Workers Employment Readiness) offers training to those eligible 55 and over, providing for tuition and books. Contact Ryan Schomber at (608) 741-3564.
- **Rock County Autoworkers National Emergency Grant** is available to persons dislocated from General Motors, Lear Seating, Logistics Services Inc. (LSI), Alcoa, and United Industries. Contact Julie Funk at (608) 741-3462.
- **Statewide National Emergency Grant** is available to persons dislocated from Warner Electric, Kuhn North America/Kuhn Knight, Amtec, Sanford Business to Business, Bournes Automotive, Rockwell Automation, Allied Systems, and Dean Morningstar Foods. Rock and Green County individuals should contact Julie Funk at (608) 741-3462 while those in Iowa, Lafayette, and Grant Counties can contact Brian Kitelinger at 1 (800) 362-3322, Ext. 2339, and those living in Richland County can contact Helena Robinson at 1 (800) 362-3322, Ext. 2416. Additionally, those who live in the six-county area but were dislocated from Buell Motorcycle, Plymouth Tube, Briggs and Stratton, Madison Dairy, McCain Foods and Sub Zero/Wolf are also eligible for workforce development services under this grant.

SWWDB also received Special Response Funds to serve the employees recently dislocated from Norwood Promotional Products. Contact Casey Dobson at (608) 741-3507.

The SWWDB, a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting innovation and providing quality local workforce development programs and services to businesses and residents in Southwest Wisconsin, is the administrator for the Workforce Investment Act programs. Dedicated to developing and sustaining a

quality workforce for today and the future, the SWWDB also has additional opportunities available. Additional information can be found on the SWWDB website at [www.swwdb.org](http://www.swwdb.org), or call Rhonda Suda at (608) 741-3567.

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