

WESTERN WISCONSIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA 9 (WDA 9)

LEO MEETING

Monday, November 2, 2026

1:00 p.m.

Monroe County Board Room/Assembly Hall
210 W Oak St.
Sparta, WI

or

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

Local Elected Officials (LEOs)

CLEO: John Aasen	Trempealeau County
Dennis Bork	Buffalo County
Brad Steiner	Crawford County
Wally Habegger	Monroe County
Bruce Kilmer	Vernon County
Kenneth Schlimgen	La Crosse County
Max Hart	Jackson County
Judy Kennedy	Juneau County

AGENDA

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1:00 PM	Call 11/2/26 LEO Meeting to Order Roll Call	

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1:01 PM	Approval of Minutes of the Following Meetings: September 17, 2026; September 25, 2026; September 29, 2026	Action Item
1:02 PM	<u>DWD Update on State Assumption of Workforce Development Board Functions</u> Stephanie Elmer and/or other DWD staff will provide an update on the administrative functions assumed by DWD	
1:20 PM	Review Letter from Michele Carter Dated October 2, 2026	
1:30 PM	<u>Workforce Development Board Recruitment</u> The LEOs will review applications and make appointments to the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board.	Action Item
2:30 PM	Update on/Consideration of Fiscal Agent Agreement for the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Area	Action Item
2:55 PM	Discuss Future Meeting Schedule – November 12, 2026	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	

All times listed on the agenda are approximated and should not be relied upon by members of the public who wish to attend.

WESTERN WISCONSIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA 9 (WDA 9)

LEO MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2026

**Monroe County Board Room/Assembly Hall
Sparta, WI**

OR

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Local Elected Officials (LEOs)

CLEO: John Aasen	Trempealeau County	Present
Dennis Bork	Buffalo County	Present
Brad Steiner	Crawford County	Present (Zoom)
Wally Habegger	Monroe County	Present
Bruce Kilmer	Vernon County	Present
Kenneth Schlimgen	La Crosse County	Present
Max Hart	Jackson County	Absent
Judy Kennedy	Juneau County	Present

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Chair John Aasen called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. A quorum was present (see chart above).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bork, second by Habegger, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

DWD UPDATE ON STATE ASSUMPTION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

FUNCTIONS: Stephanie Elmer provided the update. Programs were fully transitioned to Workforce Connections, Inc. with contracts in place. DWD worked with Drew Scheler and Matt Rice on records retention – electronic records and paper files are all under appropriate security measures. Performance negotiations will be rescheduled for later in the month. The Department of Labor approved the disallowed cost offset schedule. DWD currently closing out grants previously with the nonprofit – there are discrepancies between the DWD and nonprofit numbers; DWD wants to give the new fiscal agent a fresh start. There is no accountant in place, WCI reports directly to DWD.

The role of the WWWDB between now and July 2027 was also explained. Top board priorities will be: orientation and training of board members; substantial revisions of the WIOA local plan; negotiation of an MOU between required partners; development, implement, monitor budget; conduct program oversight; review policies.

RECRUITMENT OF A NEW FISCAL AGENT: Drew Scheler shared that the new president of Western Technical College decided that Western Technical College is not interested in further conversation about serving as WDA 9's fiscal agent or administrative entity. WWCC members discussed reaching out to the Western Technical College board.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD RECRUITMENT: WWCC members were reminded of the September 30 deadline to appoint the board.

LOCAL AREA NEGOTIATIONS: Judy Kennedy and Ken Schlinggen reported on the first negotiation session. Their 80 percent recommendation was dismissed by the state. There are two upcoming meetings. WDA 9 has historically been at or above the goals set by the state.

DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE: The next meeting will be held on September 25 at 1:00 p.m. The only agenda item will be board appointments.

ADJOURN: Chair Aasen adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

WESTERN WISCONSIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA 9 (WDA 9)

LEO MEETING

Friday, September 25, 2026

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Local Elected Officials (LEOs)

CLEO: John Aasen	Trempealeau County	Present
Dennis Bork	Buffalo County	Present
Brad Steiner	Crawford County	Present
Wally Habegger	Monroe County	Present
Bruce Kilmer	Vernon County	Present
Kenneth Schlimgen	La Crosse County	Present
Max Hart	Jackson County	Absent
Judy Kennedy	Juneau County	Present

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Chair John Aasen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present (see chart above).

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD RECRUITMENT: The LEOs discussed appointments to the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board.

Motion by Schlimgen, second by Kennedy, to appoint Kenneth Pearson, Jackson County Economic Development/Tourism Director to the WWWDB – Government/Economic Development seat. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlimgen, second by Habegger, to appoint Ryan Rieber, Superintendent of the School District of West Salem to the WWWDB – extra seat. Motion carried. DWD will research whether or not he fits into the higher education or apprenticeship seat.

Motion by Schlimgen, second by Habegger, to appoint Joan Parke, Boys and Girls Club and Felicia Decker, Buffalo County CVSO to the WWWDB - Workforce-Other seats. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlimgen, second by Kennedy, to appoint Scott Reynen, President & CEO of La Crosse Milling, to the WWWDB – Business seat. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlimgen, second by Habegger, to appoint Patrick Scheller, Owner, SB Edifice; Beth Piggush, Rural Health Coordinator, Healthy Climate Wisconsin; and Joe Carty, Senior Account Executive, Iron Core, Inc. to the WWWDB – Business seats. Motion carried.

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Motion by Kilmer, second by Steiner, to appoint the following individuals to the WWWDB pending state research (retired, governmental employee): Trina Erickson, Viroqua Library; Chris Peterson, Construction Industry (retired); Hailey Jackson, Director, Vernon Manor; Scott Champion, retired. Motion carried.

Additional members will be voted on once application forms are received.

DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE: The next meeting will be held on September 29 at 2:30 p.m. The only agenda item will be board appointments.

ADJOURN: Chair Aasen adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

WESTERN WISCONSIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA 9 (WDA 9)

LEO MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Local Elected Officials (LEOs)

CLEO: John Aasen	Trempealeau County	Present
Dennis Bork	Buffalo County	Present
Brad Steiner	Crawford County	Present
Wally Habhegger	Monroe County	Present
Bruce Kilmer	Vernon County	Present
Kenneth Schlimgen	La Crosse County	Present
Max Hart	Jackson County	Present
Judy Kennedy	Juneau County	Present

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Chair John Aasen called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. A quorum was present (see chart above).

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD RECRUITMENT: The LEOs discussed appointments to the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board.

DWD will check on the status of its appointments (terms) and send information to LEO staff.

LEOs discussed potential appointments to fill the remaining technical college/higher education seat on the board. DWD staff clarified that staff from UW-Madison Division of Extension meet the qualifications for appointment. LEOs will also reach out to staff at the technical college satellite schools.

Members then discussed appointments to the apprenticeship position. It was recommended the LEOs reach out to the construction industry – ABC Wisconsin, IBEW, etc. DWD staff will make a connection to the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards for additional ideas.

Motion by Habhegger, second by Aasen, to appoint the following individuals to the WWDDB (see attached spreadsheet): Kenneth Pearson, Ryan Rieber, Sheyann Wiczorek, DuWayne Knobloch, Joan Parke, Felicia Decker, Scott Reynen, Patrick Scheiler, Beth Piggush, Joe Carty, Ashley Dahlen, Patti Clark, Hailey Jackson, Chris Heffel, Kelly Green and Julie House. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL AGENT FOR THE WESTERN WISCONSIN WORKFORCE

DEVELOPMENT AREA: The Workforce Connections board met on September 28 and agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for WDA 9. A draft contract for fiscal agent services was provided by Workforce Connections. Malia Malone reviewed the contract and provided recommended changes. LEO staff and board members sought clarification from the state regarding the start date for fiscal agent services. Stephanie Elmer indicated that the state intends to turn back fiscal agent services with a clean slate – July 1, 2027 full start date; however, work will need to be completed in the intervening timeframe – policy changes (WWWDB), internal controls, approval processes, how to pay Workforce Connections for its work in the intervening timeframe, etc. DWD indicated an Intent to Contract agreement should be sufficient to meet the September 30 deadline given the state's July 1, 2027 full start date.

Motion by Schlingen, second by Kilmer, to enter an Intent to Contract agreement with Workforce Connections, Inc. to serve as the fiscal agent for the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Area with a full start date of July 1, 2027. Motion carried.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Hart, to authorize Malia Malone and Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf to work on negotiating a final fiscal agent agreement for the LEO's approval. Motion carried. The goal is to have a final agreement in place by November 30, 2026.

DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE: The next meeting will be held at the call of the chair once additional appointments are ready for approval.

ADJOURN: Chair Aasen adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

October 2, 2026

Dear Mr. Aasen:

I was pleased to receive the memorandum from Malia Malone and Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf of the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) sent on September 30, 2026, on behalf of the Western Wisconsin Counties Consortium (WWCC) updating the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) on the substantial progress achieved in Workforce Development Area 9.

As you know, on May 1, 2026, DWD notified the WWCC of the substantial violations of sec. 184(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) by Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (WWWDB) and established a September 30, 2026, deadline to bring the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Area into compliance with WIOA requirements, subject to structural reorganization of the local workforce area.

In particular, DWD's May 1, 2026, letter required WWCC to establish a plan to meet the following by September 30:

- Reconstitute the local Workforce Development Board to meet the requirements outlined in WIOA Title I-A & I-B Policy & Procedure Manual, Chapter 1.4.8 Local WDB Membership and Criteria;
- Identify and engage a viable fiscal agent;
- Finalize all outstanding revised governance agreements as required in the letter issued to WWCC on September 3, 2025;
- Continue to hold regular meetings of the WWCC and ensure regular meetings of the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (WWWDB), and take any ad hoc actions necessary between meetings to demonstrate the entities' joint commitment to restoring compliance; and
- Ensure compliance with any other requirements established by DWD, including the full engagement of the WWCC, WWWDB, and any related staff and/or service provider entities in training and/or technical assistance activities.

The WWCC committed to a plan to meet these requirements in its May 22, 2026, letter to DWD. This plan was acknowledged by DWD by letter dated June 11, 2026.

The September 30 WCA memorandum provided an update regarding progress made toward achieving compliance and submitted supporting documentation demonstrating WWCC has taken the following actions:

- Appointed 20 out of 23 WDB members and has engaged in ongoing recruitment to fill remaining vacancies necessary for DWD to certify the board.
- After terminating WWWDB, Inc., as the fiscal agent, identified Workforce Connections, Inc. as a viable fiscal agent, with an Intent to Negotiate Agreement signed September 30, 2026, that targets a fully executed agreement by November 30, 2026, which includes the development of policy/internal controls and WCI accepting funds as fiscal agent by Program Year 2027, which starts July 1, 2027.
- Updated and approved governance agreements, including the WWCC Agreement, WWCC Bylaws, the Joint Agreement Between the WWWDB and the WWCC, and WWWDB Bylaws.
- Held regular meetings of the WWCC and WWWDB to revise and approve governance agreements,

identify prospective WWWDB members, and facilitate the dissolution of the incorporated entity (WWWDB, Inc.).

DWD is encouraged by this progress and urges WWCC to continue its efforts to engage a viable fiscal agent and reconstitute and certify a compliant Workforce Development Board. Given the substantial progress the WWCC has made, DWD will allow WWCC until **November 30, 2026**, to reconstitute and certify the new workforce development board and engage (i.e., contract with) a viable fiscal agent.

If these have not been accomplished by November 30, 2026, DWD will recommend redesignation of the local area to the Governor.

DWD will continue to work with the WWCC in good faith to bring the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Area into compliance with WIOA requirements.

Please contact WIOA Governance and EO Specialist Sean Jackett at sean.jackett1@dwd.wisconsin.gov with any questions about WDB certification.

Thank you for your consideration and continued collaboration in restoring a stable and effective workforce development system for the residents, businesses, and communities in Western Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Michele Carter

Michele Carter
Administrator, Division of Employment and Training
Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

CC:

WWCC Members
Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board
Teresa Pierce, Executive Director, Workforce Connections, Inc.
Danielle Williams, DET Assistant Administrator
Steve Laesch, DET Assistant Administrator
Malia Malone, Attolles Law
Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Wisconsin Counties Association
Bureau of Workforce Training Leadership Team
Zoe Kujawa, WIOA Local Program Liaison
Linda Thompson, Financial Manager
Sean Jackett, WIOA Governance & EO Specialist



Overview

The Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (WWWDB) is comprised of 23+ members, representing both private and public sector leaders, who provide leadership, direction, and policy oversight for the workforce development system in the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Area (WDA 9) that includes Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau and Vernon counties.

The WWDDB is required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, a federal law designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services, and connect local businesses with the talent needed to maintain economic success. Programs authorized under WIOA primarily serve adults, dislocated workers, and youth (ages 14-24) with a strong focus on individuals facing significant barriers to employment. WIOA also serves the business community by matching employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. Specific services provided include career development and exploration, tuition and training assistance, supportive/wrap-around services to ensure success, on-the-job training contracts, incumbent worker training grants, labor market information, human resources assistance, job fairs, and hiring events.

All board members are officially appointed by the Western Wisconsin Counties Consortium (WWCC), which consists of the Chief Local Elected Officials or their designees from Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau and Vernon counties. Beyond the board appointments, the WWCC is the recipient of WIOA Title 1 funds and works in cooperation with the WWDDB to oversee workforce development activities in the area. The WWCC must solicit nominations for local WDB members from local business organizations and business trade associations.

Minimum Board Membership for Compliance

Category of Representation	Required Sub-Categories	Minimum # of Reps	Total Required Reps
Business	N/A	11+1 (to ensure majority)	12
Workforce	Labor Apprenticeship Other	2 1 2 (to maintain 20%)	5
Education/Training	AEFLA/Title II Tech College/Higher Education	1 1	2
Government & Economic/Community Development	Wagner-Peyser/ Title III Vocational Rehab/Title IV Unemployment Insurance (UI) Economic Development	1 1 1 1	4
			23 Required, Minimum

What are we looking for in our business representatives?

- Individuals with optimum policymaking or hiring authority (can make decisions on behalf of your organization).
- Representatives from businesses, including non-profit organizations representing in-demand industry sectors or organizations representing businesses, that provide employment opportunities and include high-quality, work-relevant training and development opportunities in in-demand industry sectors or occupations.
- Business must be located in one of the eight WDA 9 counties.
- A desire to assist economically disadvantaged individuals join the labor market.
- A willingness to help rebuild a strong and stable workforce development system for Western Wisconsin residents. Therefore, forward-thinking individuals (visionaries) are highly desired.
- People with the following skillsets will be an asset to the board: economic development, labor market analysis, human resources, legal analysis, financing and federal grants management.

Vision, Mission and Values

WDA 9 is currently restructuring. That means we are reconstituting the board, as well as seeking a new administrative entity and fiscal agent. The WWCC hopes the new board will develop a strategic plan setting forth the board's vision, mission, and values. New board members have a great opportunity to set the future direction of workforce development in Western Wisconsin.

Funding

The WWWDB and its programs are funded through the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014.

How to Apply

As federal law requires the WWCC to solicit nominations for local WDB members from local business organizations and business trade associations, there are two parts to the application process.

Business organizations and business trade associations can nominate individuals to serve by filling out the WWWDB Nomination Form. Following receipt of that form, nominees will be asked to complete the WWWDB Member Applicant Form. If a business organization so desires, it can submit simultaneously both the nomination and applicant forms.

If an individual is interested in serving on the WWWDB, they may submit to their county's representative the Member Applicant Form. The WWCC will then submit the applicant form to local business and trade associations for consideration.

Questions?

Please reach out to your local county's WWCC representative.

County	Name	Title	Email Address
Buffalo	Dennis Bork	Buffalo County Board Chair	dennis.bork@buffalocountywi.gov
Crawford	Brad Steiner	Crawford County Vice Chair	brad.steiner@co.crawford.wi.gov
Jackson	Max Hart	Jackson County 2 nd Vice Chair	max.hart@jacksoncountywi.gov
Juneau	Judy Kennedy	Juneau County Vice Chair	district8@juneaucountywi.gov
La Crosse	Ken Schlimgen	La Crosse County Supervisor	kschlimgen@lacrossecounty.org
Monroe	Wally Habhegger	Monroe County Vice Chair	district.05@co.monroe.wi.us
Trempealeau	John Aasen	Trempealeau County Supervisor	john.aasen@co.trempealeau.wi.us
Vernon	Bruce Kilmer	Vernon County Supervisor	bruce.kilmer@vernoncountywi.gov

Western Wisconsin Counties Consortium (WDA 9 LEOs):

I am writing to you with a number of important updates.

First, I want to start out by saying you have done a tremendous job to date in accomplishing a number of tasks you have been required to complete. You have updated all of the governance documents, chosen a fiscal agent and have a solid start on getting the workforce development board reconstituted and in compliance with federal and state regulations. But our work is not done. There are two important jobs that need to be completed before November 30 and given the realities of living in Wisconsin the November 30 date is really November 20 (unless you are willing to forego hunting and Thanksgiving this year). Therefore, I want to get two dates on your calendars for our next meetings:

Monday, November 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m.

It is our intention to have an in-person meeting location (Sparta) along with a Zoom option as well.

Please let me know if you are unable to attend these meetings ASAP - I need to ensure we have quorum - but these are dates that currently work with my schedule, Malia's schedule and Teresa Pierce's schedule.

With regard to the fiscal agent agreement that needs to be in place by the end of November, we received an initial draft from Workforce Connections in late September, Malia reviewed the draft and sent back proposed changes, and we now have additional modifications from Workforce Connections. Malia and I met with Teresa Pierce this morning and once Malia reviews the latest version it is our intention to send the draft fiscal agent agreement to the state for its review. The three of us agreed that if the state is going to identify red flags with the agreement we would prefer to know about them sooner rather than later. We will ask the state for a response prior to the November 2 meeting. Because the fiscal agent is also a service provider the Workforce Development Board is also a party to the contract and we need to give the board time to meet and review the agreement as well.

Now to the board appointments. Following our last meeting I updated the list, did some additional research on the appointees, talked to some state officials and learned a few things in the process. I learned that the state has been cracking down with all of the workforce development areas in ensuring that all board members meet the federal requirements which means we need to look more closely at our current list of appointees to not only make sure they meet the qualifications but also that we are receiving their nomination forms from the appropriate entities. The state has let WDA 9 (and others) slide in the past with regard to nominating entities and other criteria but that practice has been curbed statewide in favor of enforcing federal guidelines. I also learned that in order for the board to be certified each appointee has to have on file a recently completed conflict of interest form. Therefore, it is critical that I have application and nomination forms for all appointees with proper contact information so I can reach out to all appointees to have them complete the conflict of interest form.

Ideally, I would like to get the remaining positions filled ASAP (approval at our November 2 meeting). Sean Jackett can do a pre-official submission review for us so if there are any questionable nominees we will have time to justify their appointment or look for a replacement.

Here is where we stand on board nominations to date by category:

Business Representatives (we need 12 individuals):

Since our last meeting we had one individual (Patti Clark) decline the appointment.

That leaves us with 10 appointees but some of the ten may not meet the qualifications. We need to be prepared to justify how the appointees meet the qualifications if the state questions their appointment. Therefore, you need to find **at least 4-6** more individuals willing to serve. I am also missing paperwork from some of the appointees so you will need to follow up on that as well. Following is a list of your current appointees, who is good to go and who needs additional paperwork:

Scott Reynen, President and CEO of La Crosse Milling - I need page two of the nomination form (Lee Engfer - can you please resend the form to me)

Patrick Scheller, Owner, SB Edifice - we need to confirm he meets the qualifications, I have all of the paperwork

Beth Piggush, Rural Health Coordinator, Healthy Climate Wisconsin - while I have all of the paperwork, her qualifications will be in question - the not-for-profit she works for is located in Madison, does she have optimum policymaking or hiring authority, etc.

Joe Carty, Senior Account Executive at Ironcore, Inc. - all paperwork is in

Ashley Dahlen, Sr Director of HR Partnerships at Organic Valley - I have no paperwork on Ashley, whoever nominated Ashley please follow up with me so we can get the paperwork turned in

Kimberly Graf, General Manager, Astec - I have the paperwork; her nomination needs to be acted on at the next meeting as her application came in after our last meeting

Hailey Jackson, Director, Vernon Manor, Bethany St. Joseph - I have her nomination form from the chamber but still need her application form

Chris Heffel, Director of Sales, Lynxx Networks - all paperwork is in

Kelly Green, Human Resources Director at Wisconic - I have Kelly's nomination form but still need the application (Judy - can you please follow up)

Julie House, Owner, Remember When Gift Shop - I need the nomination form from the Whitehall Chamber (John - can you please follow up)

Before I move on to the other categories I want to remind you of a few things as you are recruiting:

1. It is okay to reach out to your chambers or other local economic development/business organizations and talk to them about recommendations for nominations. This process will become easier if we start to build a relationship with eligible nominating organizations now.
2. When seeking nominees, and this applies to all categories, please familiarize yourself with the federal requirements. Following is a link to the DWD WIOA Policy & Procedure Manual outlining the criteria for board member appointments: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/wioa/policy/01/01.4.htm#sectionEight>

Workforce Category (we need 5 individuals):

Labor (2):

Sheyann Wieczorek, Union Rep, WPPA - While I have the application form, I do need a nomination form from a local labor federation (Lee Engfer - can you please talk to Sheyann and see if we can get a nomination form from the WPPA)

DuWayne Knobloch, Business Agent, Union Ironworkers Local #383 - all paperwork is good to go

Apprenticeship (1):

We still need to fill this category. The apprenticeship representative to the Workforce Board must be:

- Member of a Labor Organization or a Training Director
- From a Joint Labor-Management Apprenticeship Program
- Representative of an Apprenticeship Program in the area, if such a program exists

WDA 9 has previously recruited Labor Representatives from the following organizations:

- Western WI AFL-CIO
- Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 434
- North Central Regional Council of Carpenters

Other WDAs have recruited Labor Representatives from the following organizations:

- United Brotherhood of Carpenters
- International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
- United Steel Workers
- Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons' International Association Local
- County Labor Council
- Regional Labor Council
- Laborers Local
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- Regional Federation of Labor
- Communications Workers of America Local
- American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees Local

Other WDAs have recruited Workforce-Apprenticeship Representatives from the following organizations:

- Building Associations
- City Building and Construction Trades
- Plumbers & Steamfitters UA Local
- Ironworkers Local Union
- Building and Construction Trades Council
- Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers of Wisconsin

I am asking all of you to think about any connections you may have to these labor organizations or to be willing to reach out to these groups on the consortium's behalf. I am guessing most of the unions have apprenticeship programs. I did a quick Google search of labor unions in Wisconsin and several options popped up. Someone may wish to reach out to the Wisconsin Laborers' District Council: <https://liunawisconsin.org/local-union-directory> Their second entry has contact information for the La Crosse office and the local website discusses their apprenticeship program so they may be a good fit..

Other (2):

Joan Parke, COO, Boys and Girls Club, La Crosse - I have her application form and nomination form from her employer (need to double-check that is sufficient)

Felicia Decker, CVSO, Buffalo County - same comment as Joan

Note: would love to add Ryan Wieber if we get above the minimum number of business reps)

Education & Training (we need 2 individuals):**AEFLA/Title 2:**

Drew Scheler, Western Technical College

Tech College/Higher Education:

Drew recruited Josh Gamer from Western Technical College for us - need to determine if we need a nomination for from Western Tech, also need an application form)

Government & Economic/Community Development (need 4 individuals):

Wagner-Peyser/Title III: Matthew Rice (state appointment)

Vocational Rehab/Title IV: Jennifer Hunn (state appointment)

Unemployment Insurance: Sarah Stafford (state appointment)

Economic Development: Kenneth Pearson, Jackson County Economic Development/Tourism Director - have forms, need to clarify if there are any nomination requirements

I know this is a lot of information but there is a lot of work to get done in the next couple of weeks. We need everyone to step up to get this done.

I have attached the nomination and application forms so you have easy access to them.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sarah