



Media Room

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 278

Relating to the Creation of Job Opportunities in Wisconsin

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama signed the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" ("ARRA") into law on February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides renewed opportunities for citizens for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency, developing new technologies, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization; and

WHEREAS, the specific purposes of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 include preserving and creating jobs; promoting economic recovery; assisting those most impacted by the recession; providing investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health; investing in transportation, environmental protection and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; and stabilizing State and local government budgets; and

WHEREAS, the key to a strong Wisconsin economy is an effective and agile workforce system that connects people to industries with job openings and to employers who need a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has highly motivated workers who desire work opportunities so that they may support themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, connecting job seekers and employers will promote and grow Wisconsin's economy and create new economic opportunities for Wisconsin's workers and employers; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin can affirm its commitment to creating job opportunities made possible through the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009;

NOWHEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby:

1. Direct all Executive Branch agencies to include in all contracts funded, in whole or in part, by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA-funded state contracts"), for which the invitations for bids or other solicitations for bids are published on or after February 17, 2009, a clause requiring contractors and subcontractors to ARRA-funded state contracts who employ workers in Wisconsin to post job openings created by ARRA-funded state contracts on the JobCenterOfWisconsin.com website.

2. Encourage local governments and their subunits that manage local projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to require contractors and subcontractors who employ workers in Wisconsin to post job openings created by ARRA-funded local projects on the JobCenterOfWisconsin.com website.

3. Encourage Wisconsin employers who enter into ARRA-funded state or local contracts or who otherwise receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to post job openings created by the ARRA-funded contract or ARRA funding on the JobCenterOfWisconsin.com website.

4. Posting is not required where an employer, contractor or subcontractor of an ARRA-funded state contract intends to fill the job opening created by ARRA funding with a present employee, a laid-off former employee or a job candidate from a previous recruitment, or where an exception has been granted by the Executive Agency or Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

5. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to require the employment of apprentices if such employment may result in the displacement of journey workers employed by any employer, contractor or subcontractor.

6. Nothing in this order shall be read to permit any Executive Branch agency, local government, employer,

contractor, subcontractor, or other entity to violate or ignore any laws, rules, directives or other legal requirements or obligations imposed by state or federal law. If any provision in this order conflicts with any law, rule, or other legal requirement or obligation imposed by state or federal law, the state or federal law shall control.

7. Nothing in this order creates any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party against the State of Wisconsin, its agencies or employees, or any other person.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol
in the City of Madison this sixteenth day of April in the year two thousand nine.

JIM DOYLE
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

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