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## March 2007 Unemployment Rates Announced

### Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for March 2007 was 5.6%, a 0.3 percentage point drop from 5.9% in February.

"Wisconsin's unemployment rate is falling and the number of jobs is increasing," Secretary Gassman said. "The state's economy continues to move forward under Governor Doyle's Administration, and we will continue to work with industries and communities to create good-paying jobs for Wisconsin citizens."

Non-seasonally adjusted, non-farm wage and salary jobs in March 2007 totaled 2.814 million. This is a 12,200 job increase from February 2007.

The service providing sector added 11,300 jobs over the month, with the leisure and hospitality industry leading the way with an increase of 3,700 jobs in March 2007. Retail trade added 2,100 jobs over the month, and professional services increased jobs by 1,400 jobs in March.

### Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for March 2007 was 4.8%. This is a 0.2 percentage point decrease from 5.0% in February 2007 and equal to the March 2006 figure.

Total employment in the state increased 6,500 over the last month, on a seasonally adjusted basis, to 2.947 million jobs. The year-over-year employment change from March 2006 was an increase of 35,400 on a seasonally adjusted basis.

**WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
In Thousands

| ITEM   | PRELIM.<br>MAR 07 | FINAL<br>FEB 07 | YEAR AGO<br>MAR 06 | NET CHANGE FROM |             |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|
|  |                   |                 |                    | MONTH<br>AGO    | YEAR<br>AGO |
| <i>NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES</i> |                   |                 |                    |                 |             |
| <b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA</b>                       |                   |                 |                    |                 |             |
| CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE                                 | 3071.9            | 3070.7          | 3036.4             | 1.2             | 35.5        |
| UNEMPLOYMENT   | 171.3             | 180.5           | 169.0              | -9.2            | 2.3         |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE                                    | 5.6               | 5.9             | 5.6                | -0.3            | 0.0         |
| EMPLOYMENT (1)                                       | 2900.6            | 2890.2          | 2867.5             | 10.4            | 33.1        |
| <b>PLACE OF WORK DATA</b>                            |                   |                 |                    |                 |             |
| <b>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</b>                     |                   |                 |                    |                 |             |
| TOTAL PRIVATE  | 2814.2            | 2802            | 2811.8             | 12.2            | 2.4         |
| <i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>                               | 2390.1            | 2379            | 2387.2             | 11.1            | 2.9         |
| NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING                           | 604.7             | 603.8           | 617.2              | 0.9             | -12.5       |
| CONSTRUCTION   | 3.5               | 3.4             | 3.5                | 0.1             | 0.0         |
| MANUFACTURING  | 111.9             | 110.6           | 113.4              | 1.3             | -1.5        |
| Durable Goods  | 489.3             | 489.8           | 500.3              | -0.5            | -11.0       |
| Nondurable Goods                                     | 313.2             | 313.8           | 316.8              | -0.6            | -3.6        |
| Durable Goods  | 176.1             | 176             | 183.5              | 0.1             | -7.4        |
| <i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>                             | 2209.5            | 2198.2          | 2194.6             | 11.3            | 14.9        |
| TRADE  | 428.8             | 426.6           | 424.3              | 2.2             | 4.5         |
| Wholesale Trade                                      | 120.3             | 120.2           | 118.8              | 0.1             | 1.5         |
| Retail Trade   | 308.5             | 306.4           | 305.5              | 2.1             | 3.0         |
| TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES                       | 107.8             | 107.4           | 108.4              | 0.4             | -0.6        |
| Utilities  | 10.8              | 10.7            | 11                 | 0.1             | -0.2        |
| INFORMATION  | 50                | 49.7            | 49.1               | 0.3             | 0.9         |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES                                 | 160.1             | 159.9           | 159.2              | 0.2             | 0.9         |
| Finance and Insurance                                | 132.8             | 132.7           | 132                | 0.1             | 0.8         |
| Real Estate, Rental, & Lease                         | 27.3              | 27.2            | 27.2               | 0.1             | 0.1         |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES                     | 262.1             | 260.7           | 261.6              | 1.4             | 0.5         |
| Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services                      | 98.5              | 98.3            | 95.7               | 0.2             | 2.8         |
| Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises                   | 44                | 43.8            | 40.6               | 0.2             | 3.4         |
| Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services                | 119.6             | 118.6           | 125.3              | 1.0             | -5.7        |
| EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES                        | 394.2             | 393.5           | 388.8              | 0.7             | 5.4         |
| Educational Services                                 | 47.4              | 47.3            | 49.2               | 0.1             | -1.8        |
| Health Care & Social Assistance                      | 346.8             | 346.2           | 339.6              | 0.6             | 7.2         |
| LEISURE & HOSPITALITY                                | 245.3             | 241.6           | 243.4              | 3.7             | 1.9         |
| Arts, Entertain., & Recreation                       | 28                | 27.8            | 28.8               | 0.2             | -0.8        |
| Accommodation & Food Services                        | 217.3             | 213.8           | 214.6              | 3.5             | 2.7         |
| OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin                  | 137.1             | 135.8           | 135.2              | 1.3             | 1.9         |
| GOVERNMENT   | 424.1             | 423             | 424.6              | 1.1             | -0.5        |
| Federal Government                                   | 28.6              | 28.6            | 29                 | 0.0             | -0.4        |
| State Government                                     | 103.4             | 102.8           | 104.7              | 0.6             | -1.3        |
| Local Government                                     | 292.1             | 291.6           | 290.9              | 0.5             | 1.2         |
| PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES                     | 0.0               | 0.0             | 0.0                | 0.0             | 0.0         |
| (1) Includes L-M Disputes                            |                   |                 |                    |                 |             |
| <i>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES</i>     |                   |                 |                    |                 |             |
| <b>CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</b>                          | 3094.0            | 3094.6          | 3058.3             | -0.6            | 35.7        |
| UNEMPLOYMENT   | 147.2             | 154.3           | 147.0              | -7.1            | 0.2         |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE                                    | 4.8               | 5.0             | 4.8                | -0.2            | 0.0         |
| EMPLOYMENT   | 2946.8            | 2940.3          | 2911.4             | 6.5             | 35.4        |

\*Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section, Bureau of Workforce Information