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Secretary Gassman: Wisconsin Creating Jobs, Harnessing Power with Wind Turbines under Governor Doyle's Clean Energy Leadership

State Labor Secretary joins SCA Tissue in dedicating wind turbines, first built by Renewegy; cites as example of Wisconsin's clean energy future, job growth

TOWN of MENASHA – Department of Workforce Development Secretary Roberta Gassman said today Governor Doyle's investments in Wisconsin's clean energy future are showing gains in manufacturing, job opportunities, a cleaner environment, and a more energy independent Wisconsin.

"Under Governor Doyle's leadership, Wisconsin is harnessing the wind to power economic growth, creating clean energy jobs," Secretary Gassman said. "As the economy improves from a deep national recession, the steps Wisconsin has taken to encourage efficiency and renewable energy will continue to pay dividends in the long term."

Secretary Gassman highlighted Governor Doyle's successful clean energy efforts during a visit to SCA Tissue. At SCA's Service Excellence Center in the Town of Menasha, she joined the global manufacturer of tissue and paper products in dedicating four wind turbines, the first commercial units built by Renewegy, LLC. The Renewegy turbines will generate 100 to 125 megawatt-hours per year to help power SCA Tissue's operations. The turbine-generated electricity will complement other energy-saving steps at the company, including heat recovery systems, energy-saving light bulbs, auto lighting systems and low-energy computer screens.

In operation for two years, Renewegy received a \$525,000 loan from Governor Doyle last December to purchase manufacturing equipment and create 40 new jobs. The loan was funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Renewegy is one of more than 300 companies in Wisconsin that provide products and services to the wind industry, employing thousands of people.

In addition to his clean energy investments, Governor Doyle signed legislation in May to authorize the Green to Gold Fund, a \$100 million revolving loan fund providing low interest loans to help manufacturers reduce energy costs, improve their bottom line and create jobs. Moreover, \$1.75 million is being invested in the Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Project to help small and mid-sized manufacturers use sustainable practices to gain a competitive edge.

Secretary Gassman also noted investments DWD has made in worker training, awarding \$2.8 million in clean energy grants since July 2008 to train more than 1,900 workers and help ensure skilled workers for the growing clean energy sector.

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