

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 361

Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Task Force
on Building Tomorrow's Workforce

WHEREAS, working citizens are the heart and soul of Wisconsin's thriving economy; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's unemployment rate has been below the national average for 142 consecutive months; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's record-shattering economy has increased employment by thirty-three percent over the past twelve years and created over 680,000 new jobs for Wisconsin families; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has utilized its workforce to such a degree that Wisconsin is facing a shortage of quality, high-skilled workers; and

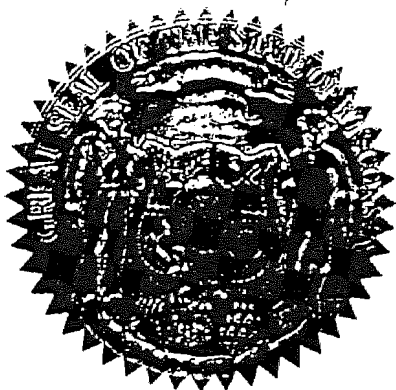
WHEREAS, to compete in a global economy and keep Wisconsin's economy growing, we must continue to train and educate our workforce;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:


1. Create the Governor's Task Force on Building Tomorrow's Workforce (hereinafter "Task Force").
2. Provide that the Task Force shall consist of not more than twenty-five (25) members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
3. Provide that the Governor shall designate two (2) members of the Task Force as co-chairs to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Governor.
4. Require the Task Force to prepare and submit a report to the Governor detailing its findings and recommendations to recruit, train, and educate Wisconsin's existing and future workforce.
5. Provide that the Task Force shall have the following mission:
 - a. To map out the future of technical and industrial education for high school and post-secondary students; and
 - b. To create strategies to expand apprenticeship programs; and
 - c. To identify best practice models and develop recommendations for preparing youths for careers in technical occupations, for re-employing disadvantaged and dislocated workers in technical

occupations, and for facilitating continuing education, training, and career development in the classroom and the workplace.

6. Direct the University of Wisconsin System and other state agencies to provide assistance to the Task Force.
7. Instruct the Department of Workforce Development and the Department of Commerce to provide staff assistance to the Task Force.
8. Direct the Department of Administration to provide the Task Force with reimbursement for expenses in accordance with section 20.505 (3)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.



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 thirtieth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State