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New North Carpenters Receive Renewable Energy Training Grants

KAUKAUNA, October 27, 2009 – Governor Doyle today announced that the North Central Regional Council of Carpenters would receive \$247,000 in grants to help train its members in the wind and renewable energy industries.

Of the funds, \$175,000 will be used for equipment to train 300 carpenters on the installation of wind turbines, and \$72,000 will be used to help pay instructors and purchase additional equipment.

“The New North’s wind industry has been growing rapidly, and these grants will help ensure our region continues to benefit from some of the best-trained workers anywhere in the country,” said Jerry Murphy, Executive Director of the New North, Inc.

The grants are part of \$2.6 million from the Department of Commerce to help train workers across the state.

“Between our great technical colleges and our century-old manufacturing tradition, as well as grants like these, the New North is poised to continue to capitalize on the wind energy boom,” Murphy said.

New North, Inc. is a regional collaboration effort focused on promoting regional cooperation and economic development in an 18-county region in Northeast Wisconsin. The 18 counties included in the New North are Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Waupaca, Brown, Shawano, Oconto, Marinette, Door, Kewaunee, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Florence, Menominee, and Waushara. To find out more information about New North, Inc., please visit our website at www.thenewnorth.com.

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