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GREATER OSHKOSH MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT STRONG

March 25th, 2016: The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA monthly unemployment rate decreased to 4.5 percent in January from 4.9 percent in January 2015, according to figures released from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. Wisconsin's unemployment rate was 5.2 percent in January from a revised 5.4 percent in January 2015. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in January. Total employment in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased slightly to 88,664 in January from 86,650 in January 2015.

“The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA has had the sharpest year-over-year unemployment rate drop among all Wisconsin metropolitan areas”, said Jason White, CEO of Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation. “The economic conditions in greater Oshkosh are fairly stable, but workforce development remains a top priority.”

Additionally, the data shows that private sector employment is up by 2,100 jobs in the past year – a rise of 2.6 percent. This growth has been fueled in large part by the manufacturing sector, which is up by 4.1 percent year-over-year (compared to statewide growth of 1.6 percent).

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation tracks economic indicators in the greater Oshkosh region and is assisted by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development in analyzing the data.

Greater Oshkosh EDC provides leadership, direction, coordination and services to advance economic development in the greater Oshkosh, Wisconsin region.

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