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GREATER OSHKOSH EMPLOYMENT AT EIGHT YEAR HIGH

December 7th, 2016: The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in October, down 0.4 percent from October 2015. Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 3.5 percent while the U.S. unemployment rate was 4.7 percent. Total employment in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased to 89,237 in October from 88,486 in October 2015, an increase of about 0.85 percent. This is the highest October employment number since 2008.

The 'Construction, Mining & Natural Resources' sector added 300 jobs in the past year, while the 'Financial Activities' and 'Education & Health Services' sectors each added 200 jobs.

The average hourly earnings in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased to \$22.43 in October from \$21.10 in October 2015 per data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This 6.3 percent increase outpaces the state's 2.7 percent growth over the same period. In addition to the increase in average hourly earnings, the average weekly earnings increased by 5.7 percent over the last 12 months.

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.

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