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**GREATER OSHKOSH EMPLOYMENT UP AGAIN**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015:** The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA monthly unemployment rate decreased to 3.7 percent in November from 4.5 percent in November 2014, according to figures released from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. Wisconsin’s unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in November from a revised 4.7 percent in November 2014. The U.S. unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in November. Total employment in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased slightly to 89,684 in November from 88,704 in November 2014 – an increase of 1.1 percent.

“The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA economy continues to power forward – employment is up overall, the private sector in particular is up by 2 percent in the past year”, said Jason White, CEO of Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation.

“Private sector year-over-year increases continue to be fueled by growth in the ‘service providing’ and ‘education and health services’ sectors. Manufacturing continues to hold steady, but the growth of many of our industrial employers is about more than just sales. It’s also about finding, recruiting, and retaining talent - and in some cases, finding suitable space to grow their operations.”

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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