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Following special session call, governor highlights plan to invest more than \$1 billion in comprehensive workforce solutions.

HAYWARD — Gov. Tony Evers today, together with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and the Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board, hosted a "Winning with Wisconsin's Workforce" forum highlighting key investments and strategies to boost workforce participation and help employers meet their needs for well-trained and highly skilled workers.

The event comes after the governor earlier this week <u>announced</u> he is calling a special session of the Wisconsin State Legislature at 12 p.m. on Sept. 20, 2023, to complete their work on the 2023-25 biennial budget and pass a meaningful, comprehensive plan to address the state's longstanding, generational workforce challenges. As part of the special session, Gov. Evers is proposing to invest over \$1 billion using a portion of the state's readily available \$4 billion budget surplus to prevent a looming collapse of the state's child care industry and ensure child care is affordable and accessible for working parents and families, expand paid family leave, invest in higher education to help educate, train, retain, and recruit talented workers, and support targeted solutions to workforce challenges in high-need areas, specifically the state's healthcare and education workforce sectors. More information about the governor's workforce plan is available <u>here</u>.

Gov. Evers, DWD Host "Winning With Wisconsin's Workforce" Event in Hayward

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