



# *Wisconsin* **Employee Suggestion Program**

State of Wisconsin:  
Scott McCallum, Governor  
Department of Employment Relations:  
Peter D. Fox, Secretary

Employee Suggestion Board:  
James Behrend, Chair  
Roger Cross, Member  
Ken Berg, Member

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- November 14, 2002**

Eight state employees are being honored by the Department of Employment Relations and the State Employee Suggestion Board for their efforts in reducing costs and improving efficiencies in state government, Secretary Peter D. Fox announced today.

Also, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will receive special recognition for its active participation in the Wisconsin Employee Suggestion Program.

The eight employees are:

### ◆ **INDIVIDUAL SUGGESTER OF THE YEAR**

**Brenda Williams** (Department of Employment Relations) is being recognized for researching ways to achieve cost savings in printing and mailing the Current Employment Opportunities Bulletin, above and beyond the requirements of her job duties. Numerous vendors and service packages were researched, with testing and trial periods. A cafeteria of options was presented to management with a perceptive recommendation as to the best combination of services and format. The result is a much-improved product, shorter processing time, and substantial cost savings to both DER and its customers. Savings: Up to \$60,000 per year.

### ◆ **GROUP SUGGESTION OF THE YEAR**

**Enterprise Output Solutions (EOS) Team: Jan Theobald (Leader), Julie Moyer, Jim Chaja, Wendy Margenau, Marge Knuth, and Ruth Gundlach** (Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles). Suggested creating options for using the EOS software as a storage medium for data converted from microfiche. Savings: Over \$50,000 per year.

### ◆ **AGENCY COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR**

**Judy Bohling** (Department of Transportation) is being recognized for her outstanding work as Agency Coordinator in promoting the Wisconsin Employee Suggestion Program at DOT.

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◆ **AGENCY OF THE YEAR**

The **Wisconsin Department of Transportation** (Acting Secretary Thomas Carlsen) is being honored as Agency of the Year for its active participation in the Employee Suggestion Program and encouraging suggestions contributed by DOT employees.

A ceremony honoring the recipients will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2002, in the Governor's Conference Room in the State Capitol.

The Wisconsin Employee Suggestion Program encourages state employees to become an agent for change, initiating ideas on ways to improve services, enhance efficiency, and save money for the state. This program is a way not only to stimulate suggestions, but also to recognize employees for their contributions.

For further information, contact the statewide program coordinator, Robert Toomey, at the Department of Employment Relations, by telephone (608) 266-0664, e-mail [Robert.Toomey@der.state.wi.us](mailto:Robert.Toomey@der.state.wi.us), or fax (608) 267-1006.

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