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## **Manpower and U.S. Department of Labor Mark One-Year Anniversary of Workforce Development Partnership**

### **Organizations Reflect on Success, Set Strategy for the Future**

MILWAUKEE, May 20, 2004 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Today Manpower and the U.S. Department of Labor will celebrate the one-year anniversary of a national business partnership formed to create joint employment and training strategies for unemployed and underemployed workers.

In recognition of the milestone, Jeffrey A. Joerres, Chairman and CEO of Manpower Inc., and Emily Stover DeRocco, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training, will convene members from both organizations at Manpower headquarters to honor successes and share best practices. The meeting will also serve as a forum to further refine and advance the first- ever partnership effort between the two leaders in workforce development.

"In the last year, hundreds of Manpower offices formed working relationships with local One-Stop Career Centers," said Joerres. "Our combined resources have improved and expanded training and employment opportunities available to One-Stop clients in communities across the country. Each of these local partnerships address the unique needs of a community and drive the overall success of the partnership."

The partnership between Manpower and the U.S. Department of Labor enhances employment prospects for unemployed and underemployed individuals with powerful training and job-placement services. In addition, the two maintain strong ties with employers to understand current and future workforce trends that impact training strategies.

"This partnership should serve as a model for future collaboration between the private sector and the public workforce system," said DeRocco. "In the challenging 21st century economy, we will need the power of the private and public sectors working together to provide employment and training solutions that prepare workers for good jobs with career pathways and meet the demands of business for a skilled workforce."

#### About Manpower

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