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**Lt. Governor Kleefisch, State Cabinet Officials, MATC President
Recognize Inmates Completing CNC Program**

MILWAUKEE – Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch joined Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Secretary Jon Litscher, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Deputy Secretary Georgia Maxwell, and Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) President Vicki Martin at a completion ceremony for CNC Certificate Program completers and their families.

Thirteen participants, either incarcerated in minimum-security facilities with community privileges or on community supervision, received their certificates after completing the program.

In addition to DOC's partnership with Milwaukee Area Technical College, DOC is operating a pilot program with Madison Area Technical College to train inmates with work release privileges in Industrial Maintenance. DOC also has partnerships with technical colleges across the state to train inmates in high-demand fields.

"Wisconsin needs offenders to come out of corrections institutions ready to take jobs and become taxpayers," said Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch. "Inmates like those graduating with CNC degrees today will be able to fill one of the thousands of available jobs that provide family sustaining wages. These programs are all-around wins: they make our communities safer, expand our workforce, save taxpayer dollars, and create dignity and opportunity for these graduates."

DOC Secretary Jon Litscher said: "Vocational training is critically important to prepare inmates for life in the community. Learning marketable skills can aid inmates in finding employment and transitioning to independence. Our focus will continue to be on providing opportunities for inmates to find success in the community and lead productive lives."

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DWD Deputy Secretary Maxwell said, "Under Governor Walker, Wisconsin is taking the steps needed to ensure that everyone who wants a job can find a job. Partnerships between MATC, DOC, and workforce development strengthen our workforce by helping those with significant barriers to employment find jobs. This not only strengthens our economy, but it also enhances community safety."

MATC President Vicki Martin said: "We are extremely proud to work in partnership with the State of Wisconsin, the Department of Workforce Development and the Department of Corrections on this innovative training program," said MATC President Dr. Vicki J. Martin. "Since 2015, 80 men and women have completed CNC training, which is one of the most in-demand skills in southeastern Wisconsin."

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