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## Press Release

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### **Michigan Works! Association Announces New Appointments to Board of Directors**

LANSING, Mich. (October 1, 2009) – Michigan Works! Association today announced the appointment of Laura Hamilton and James Mantey to its Board of Directors.

"Their knowledge, expertise and vision will be an invaluable contribution in helping us to define the organization and achieve recognition as one of the most progressive workforce development systems in the county," said Luann Dunsford, chief executive officer, Michigan Works! Association.

Hamilton is a private sector representative and chair of the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board. She is also a human resources and regulatory compliance manager for Bay Cast and Bay Cast Technologies. Hamilton is certified through the society of Human Resource Management as a Professional in Human Resources. She is also a member of the Delta College Workforce Development Advisory Committee, the Bay City Schools Cooperative Education Advisory Board, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Customer Advisory Council, Eastern District.

Mantey is a local elected official and a member of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners. He is also the chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee and serves as a member of the Public Safety/Judiciary, Finance and Debt Management Committees.

These additions increase the number of the Michigan Works! Association's Board of Directors to 11. In addition to Hamilton and Mantey, members of the Michigan Works! Association Board include:

- William Stanek, Chairperson, Michigan Works! West Central, Workforce Development Board;
- Willard Carne, First Vice President, Michigan Works! The Job Force Board/Six County Employment Alliance, Workforce Development Board Chair;
- Cheryl Clark, Second Vice President, Thumbworks!, A Michigan Works! Agency, Local Elected Official;
- Robert Straits, Secretary, Director, Kalamazoo-St. Joseph Michigan Works!;
- Christine Quinn, Treasurer, President, South Central Michigan Works!;
- Todd Gustafson, Member-at-Large, Director, Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren;
- Dr. Lynne Haley, Calhoun Intermediate School District, Workforce Development Board Chair;
- Charlotte (Charlie) Mahoney, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) Michigan Works!, Workforce Development Board Chair;
- Richard Timmer, Eastern Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!, Local Elected Official

Established in 1987, the Michigan Works! Association fosters high-quality employment and training programs serving employers and workers by providing support activities and a forum for information exchange for Michigan's workforce development system. For more information, visit [www.michiganworks.org](http://www.michiganworks.org), or call (517) 371-1100.

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