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**Press Release**  
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## **On Front Lines of Workforce Development, Michigan Works! Applauds Governor Snyder for Renewed Focus on Needs of Job Makers**

**LANSING (December 1, 2011)**—Michigan Works! Association Chief Executive Officer Luann Dunsford today issued the following statement following Governor Rick Snyder's special message on workforce development:

*“Governor Snyder’s special message on talent and workforce development is an exciting next step on Michigan’s road to reinvention. The Michigan Works! Association is on the ground, working each and every day to meet the workforce demands of our local employers, connecting them with the skilled workers they need while preparing our friends and neighbors for the jobs of tomorrow.*

*“Working with Governor Snyder, Pure Michigan Talent Connect, the legislature and workforce development organizations across the state we will truly “reinvent Michigan.”*

Governor Snyder recognized the strength and importance of Michigan Works! one-stop service centers during his address today at Delta College. The Michigan Works! system has over 100 service centers in cities across Michigan, each open and available to every Michigan resident, regardless of the residents' hometown. Each offers a broad spectrum of services to meet the needs of local businesses and assist those seeking employment.

Employers and job seekers can find the Michigan Works! service center nearest their home by visiting <http://michiganworks.org/agencies/map> or by calling (1 800) 285-WORKS.

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The Michigan Works! Association also applauds Governor Snyder for calling for necessary changes to the state's Jobs, Education and Training Program (JET). Since its inception, Michigan Works! has warned policy makers the program design would not meet the federal work participation rates. JET is an important state tool designed to help move residents from welfare to work.

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, please visit [www.michiganworks.org](http://www.michiganworks.org).

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