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Michigan Works! Association Appoints Board of Directors Chairperson

LANSING, Mich. (October 24, 2007) – Michigan Works! Association announced today the recent appointment of Bill Stanek to chairperson of the Michigan Works! Association Board of Directors. Stanek replaces J. Michael Zelly, who stepped down from the post in early October.

“We are delighted that Bill Stanek has accepted this position,” said Luann Dunsford, chief executive officer of Michigan Works! Association. “Bill has vast experience as one of our long-term board members and I look forward to his continued leadership.”

As a private sector representative, Stanek has been a member of the West Central Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board and its predecessors for the last twenty-two years. He is also the President of Kitson Manufacturing, a metal fabrication company located in Morley and owner of Living Water, a Christian bookstore in Big Rapids.

Stanek has served as a member on the Building Trades Advisory Committee for the Local Intermediate School District for several years and is active with the Big Rapids Downtown Business Association, including serving as president for two years.

Michigan Works! Association is recognized nationally as the largest and most progressive workforce development association in the country. The Association's members are the Workforce Development Boards, Local Elected Officials, and Michigan Works! Agency Directors from all of Michigan's 25 workforce areas.

Michigan Works! Association was established in 1987 to foster 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. That system has been recognized by the National Alliance of Business as the most innovative in the country. For more information, visit <http://www.michiganworks.org> or call 517-371-1100.

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