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## **Michigan Works! Association and NWA Officials Brief U.S. Rep. and Congressional Staff on Workforce System**

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan Works! Association CEO Luann Dunsford and National Workforce Association (NWA) officials briefed U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-Kentucky) and 20 congressional staff members about the nation’s workforce system July 21 in Washington, D.C.

Guthrie requested information on specific Workforce Investment Act requirements and the workforce system’s role in getting people back to work.

“Rep. Guthrie’s attention to understanding and developing the nation’s workforce system is encouraging given its critical responsibility of helping American’s move from unemployment to high-growth industries,” said Dunsford.

The Michigan Works! System—25 locally responsive, demand-driven agencies throughout the state—is the first unified workforce development system in the country.

Dunsford’s testimony focused on the role of state and local workforce investment board: “Workforce boards are a an integral part of their community – connecting, convening, collaborating – all in an effort to move the economy forward by meeting the needs of both individuals seeking a career path as well as employers seeking individuals to meet their needs.”

### **About Michigan Works! Association**

Michigan Works! Association provides leadership and services, and promotes quality and excellence for the advancement of Michigan’s Workforce Development System, its customers and professionals.

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