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Dubuque #1 in Job Creation

1,800 New Jobs

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DUBUQUE, IA — According to figures released today by Iowa Workforce Development, Dubuque tops the state for job growth over the past 12 months. Dubuque's net increase of 1,800 jobs, a 3.3% growth rate, far outpaces other metro areas. The 1,800 net new jobs represents 17.8%, or nearly one-fifth, of the 10,100 net new jobs created in Iowa over the past year.

Making this aggressive job growth even more impressive is that 1,500 people entered the local job market during the same period, holding the unemployment rate steady at 7.1%. Other metro areas across the state did not fare as well as almost half of the top metro areas lost jobs in 2010.

Job creation in Dubuque was spurred by private sector investment and growth, including IBM's high-profile project as well as several significant existing business expansions. In fact, all job growth in Dubuque was the result of private sector development as Dubuque experienced zero growth in the government sector, remaining steady at 4,700 in both January 2010 and January 2011.

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