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## Governor's Northern Summit!

### **Governor's Northern Economic & Community Development Summit**

**October 25-26**

Here we come Northwest Wisconsin! Just 10 days from now, Governor Walker, Lt. Governor Kleefisch, and 17 Cabinet Secretaries will descend on Heartwood Conference Center in Trego for this annual event!

There is still time to register! Visit [www.northwoodssummit.com](http://www.northwoodssummit.com) to book your spot!

The program is packed with learning sessions, as well as ample opportunity for attendees to interact with top leadership. Come share your story on the assets and challenges of northern Wisconsin. Hope to see you there!

### **Important New Hunting Regulations**

Fall hunting seasons are under way and with the recent signing of the 2017-19 Wisconsin state budget, hunters should know that they are no longer required to validate or attach a carcass tag to a **deer or turkey**.

Hunters must still carry a license with them to show they are allowed to hunt in that zone or unit. Registration of harvested deer and turkey through the GameReg system at [www.gamereg.wi.gov](http://www.gamereg.wi.gov) or 1-844-426-3734 (1-844-GAMEREG), is still required.

Also, **Canada goose** hunters no longer have to register their harvest.

For the most up-to-date information on hunting regulations, go to [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) and search "deer hunting" or "goose hunting."

## Chambers & EDCs – Please spread the word

### **Want to Grow Your Business through Exporting?**

Businesses interested in learning more about how to secure funding to begin or expand their exporting efforts are invited to attend one of several free seminars on financial assistance for global market expansion. The half-day seminars will be held October 18 in Hudson, October 20 in Superior, October 23 in La Crosse and November 8 in Wausau.

Experts on international trade will outline specific programs available to help finance companies' export initiatives. The seminar will include roundtable discussions to provide attendees with practical advice on how they can secure funding to help achieve their exporting goals. Learn more [here](#).

### **WEDC Accepting Applications for Entrepreneurship Grants**

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) is accepting applications from nonprofit and community-based organizations for a grant program designed to advance the statewide climate for entrepreneurship.

The Entrepreneurship Support Program provides financial assistance of between \$10,000 and \$100,000 for projects that promote entrepreneurship and provide Wisconsin entrepreneurs with key resources, including training, mentorship, and business development and financial services.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.inwisconsin.com/entrepreneurship-support](http://www.inwisconsin.com/entrepreneurship-support).

## Nominate a Woman-Owned Business in Your Community

The Wisconsin Women's Council Governor's **Trailblazer Awards** celebrates women's rich history of entrepreneurship and deep roots in Wisconsin's business community. It asks organizations and individuals to use this opportunity to raise the profile of long-standing and generational woman-owned businesses in your community.

The nomination form is available at [www.womenscouncil.wi.gov/trailblazer](http://www.womenscouncil.wi.gov/trailblazer) and the deadline is December 31, 2017.

## Conservation Funding Opportunity for Wisconsin Farmers

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has up to \$250,000 in grants available to groups of farmers to find their own ways to prevent or reduce runoff and protect Wisconsin's waters.

Groups of five or more producers who farm in the same watershed can apply for up to \$40,000 in this round of funding. Grants are intended to help farmers find solutions best suited for their particular watersheds, based on topography, soil type, types of operations, and other factors that differ among regions of the state, and work to increase farmer participation in these voluntary efforts.

The application deadline is Friday, November 3. For details, follow [this link](#).

## Municipalities – Take Note

### Managing the Rabies Threat

DATCP is holding its annual **Rabies Control Training** on November 8 in Wisconsin Dells. The target audience is any rabies control agency personnel interested in control methods and procedures. The course provides basic information on rabies control laws, animal quarantine procedures, observation skills, and specimen submission. The course is \$55 and includes lunch. Register online by November 3 at [datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/vetcatalog/index.jsp](http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/vetcatalog/index.jsp) and select "RabiesGWL11082017."

### Does Your Community Have an Organization Serving Veterans?

Grants of up to \$25,000 are available for non-profit organizations that provide financial assistance or other services to Wisconsin veterans and their families. [Application materials](#) are available online at [WisVets.com](http://WisVets.com). Proposals are due by November 30. For questions, email [vetsbenefitsgrants@dva.wi.gov](mailto:vetsbenefitsgrants@dva.wi.gov).

### Special Event for Veterans & History-Lovers

Join the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs at our Wisconsin Veterans Museum for a special event, **World War 100: A Centennial Symposium** on October 27-28, 2017 in Madison. The event will give you the opportunity to explore the Museum's new exhibit, *WWI Beyond the Trenches: Stories from the Front*, learn about World War I

from scholars from across the country, and network with your fellow history buffs. Learn more and register [here](#).

### Volunteer to Provide Tax Help

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is seeking volunteers for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (VITA/TCE) program. During tax season, volunteers provide free tax help to low-to-moderate income, military, veteran, and senior taxpayers at sites across Wisconsin. The Internal Revenue Service and DOR conduct training for volunteers. AARP of Wisconsin assists by hosting sites across the state, and United Way is instrumental in promoting the service. If you are interested in volunteering, you can register by completing an application at: [revenue.wi.gov/Pages/ContactUs/vitavolunteerinfo.aspx](http://revenue.wi.gov/Pages/ContactUs/vitavolunteerinfo.aspx)

### Apply to Serve Wisconsin

Through the Appointments Department, the Governor has the pleasure of appointing Wisconsin citizens to over 200 boards, commissions, councils, and taskforces. Appointed individuals play a key role in policy making, regulation, and advisory and advocacy efforts for issues affecting the residents of our great state.

If you wish to apply, [complete the application](#) and return it to the Appointments Department. You may apply at any time, regardless of whether there is a current opening, as positions become available throughout the year.

## About the Northern Office

The Northern Office serves as a connection point between communities in Northern Wisconsin and the resources of state government. If you are looking for information, have a suggestion, or need assistance with problem resolution with a state agency, please contact us. We travel throughout the 40 county region north of U.S. Highway 10 and can be available, with 3 to 4 weeks notice, to attend your meetings and events. Keep in touch!