



JESSIE RODRIGUEZ

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ 21ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Rep. Jessie Rodriguez

May 18, 2015
(608) 266-0610

Rep. Rodriguez and Lt. Gov. Kleefisch Tour MATC and Hear From Local Businesses

OAK CREEK, Wis., — State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (R-Franklin) and Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch attended a tour at Milwaukee Area Technical College, Oak Creek and held a roundtable discussion with local businesses on Monday morning. The tour highlighted the school’s commitment to provide training for job seekers entering the skilled trades.

“MATC in Oak Creek is providing the type of training that will prepare workers with the skills to fill jobs that are desperately needed throughout the state,” said Rodriguez. “It’s important to address the shortage of people entering the skilled trades in Wisconsin.”

The Lt. Gov. and Rep. Rodriguez toured the Center for Energy Conservation and Advanced Manufacturing (ECAM) on the Oak Creek campus. The \$9 million, 34,000 square foot technology center caters to advanced skilled manufacturing and technology: advanced manufacturing, manufacturing welding, advanced software, energy solutions, HVAC digital controls and HVAC Computers.

“We are proud to have a tremendous leader in skilled manufacturing training right here in Oak Creek,” said Rodriguez. “The ECAM center is a world class facility that will prepare Wisconsin workers to enter into a career that will lead to prosperity and success.”

After the tour Rep. Rodriguez and Lt. Gov. Kleefisch held a roundtable discussion with local business leaders. The meeting created open dialogue between the legislature and businesses with a focus on improving commerce in the representative’s district and throughout the state. Leaders from prominent businesses such as Nucor, Crown Plaza and the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce, contributed.

“The roundtable discussion was important to the local businesses in this area,” said Rodriguez. “Business owners told me today that they have jobs that need to be filled but are not able to find people with the right skills. Having Lt. Gov. Kleefisch with us today gave business leaders the chance to share their concerns with her as we continue to work on getting people the necessary skills to enter and stay in the workforce.”

In addition to the tour and roundtable discussion, the legislators tested their marksmanship by

1 of 2



JESSIE RODRIGUEZ

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ 21ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

hitting the shooting range at the law enforcement training facility on campus. Both legislators were given special firearm instruction by range master Sam Lenda. Officer Lenda is the Oak Creek police officer who shot Wade Michael Page, the shooter who opened fire at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek in 2012.

Both officials ended the day at the 27th Annual Salute to Hispanic Women Conference and Awards Luncheon hosted by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin. The Lt. Gov. gave the keynote speech and Rep. Rodriguez contributed to a panel discussion.

###