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RFW Honors Senator Dave Hansen with Legislative Leadership Award

KOHLER, Wis., April 10, 2008 – Rehabilitation For Wisconsin, Inc. (RFW) proudly honored Senator Dave Hansen with the 2008 RFW Legislative Leadership Award at the 2008 Rehabilitation & Transition Conference in Kohler, Wisconsin on April 10.

Rehabilitation For Wisconsin (RFW), and all of the Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP) providers in the state chose to recognize and commend State Senator Dave Hansen for his hard work in keeping the Business Tax Credit Legislation in the final version of the state budget. Through this tax credit, the State of Wisconsin will be awarding credits to businesses that contract work to qualified nonprofit CRPs. CRPs are organizations that provide much needed employment, residential and community support needs for people with disabilities or other daily living challenges. This tax credit will create incentives for businesses to outsource manufacturing and other commercial services to CRPs, which will increase work opportunities for people with disabilities in Wisconsin's communities.

"Senator Dave Hansen is truly a partner in the ongoing fight to recognize and promote the need for quality services for people with disabilities, while providing incentives for businesses that choose to employ and support individuals with disabilities across the state," states RFW Executive Director Mike Kirby. "I am pleased to recognize Senator Hansen with the Legislative Leadership Award for his efforts in keeping the Business Tax Credit in the final version of the budget and in turn creating more opportunities for the 56 percent of unemployed persons with disabilities in Wisconsin."

"I'm very pleased to receive this award, but more importantly I'm glad we were able to help increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities in our area and throughout Wisconsin," said Hansen. "This legislation is a perfect example of what is possible when Republicans and Democrats set aside their partisan differences and put the people of Wisconsin first."

Rehabilitation For Wisconsin, Inc. (RFW) is a statewide nonprofit membership association located in Madison, Wisconsin. Our members consist of over 50 organizations and other individuals dedicated to addressing the employment, residential and community support needs of people with disabilities or other daily living challenges. RFW provides leadership, advocacy, education and other services to its members and works to build strong partnerships between community rehabilitation programs, public policy makers and the community of people with disabilities in Wisconsin. For more information about RFW and our members, please visit our website at www.rfw.org.

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