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## **Alderwoman Lewis to host Bucks Jobs Town Hall Session May 9 at NW YMCA**

*Event will feature information about construction jobs, other positions*

The **Milwaukee Bucks** are joining forces with **Alderwoman Chantia Lewis** for a Workforce Development Jobs Town Hall Session on **Tuesday, May 9**, at the **Northwest YMCA**, 9050 N. Swan Rd.

The session will begin **at 5:00 p.m.**, and prospective attendees should **RSVP to [WisconsinESC.com/Careers](http://WisconsinESC.com/Careers)**. Light refreshments will be provided.

Alderwoman Lewis said the Bucks arena project and other development activity in the city are providing a significant number of job opportunities for individuals, and next week's info session "is a prime opportunity to learn more about how to access the growing jobs pipeline" in Milwaukee.

"With the current major uptick in development and construction activity we are seeing right now in the city, this is a prime moment of opportunity for starting a new career or learning a trade," she said. "An important first step for anyone interested in having a chance of getting one of the jobs associated with the arena project or other developments is to attend an informational session like the one at the Northwest Y on May 9, and I strongly encourage interested individuals to make plans to be there."

The session will include remarks by Alderwoman Lewis and **Bucks Senior Vice-President Alex Lasry**. Attendees will also be able to register for SkillsSmart's online job portal to access opportunities in construction and other jobs, and WRTP/Big Step will also be on-site to schedule Residential Preference Program (RPP) appointments and to certify qualified individuals.

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## **Bucks Jobs Town Hall/ADD ONE**

Additionally, to provide an incentive for young adults to pursue building-trades careers, the Bucks have agreed to provide a stipend (payment) to as many as 200 high school and technical students for 130 hours of pre-apprenticeship training on the construction of the new arena and adjacent development in downtown Milwaukee.

The stipend funds will come from \$375,000 the Bucks committed to workforce training in the arena development agreement with the city.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee is working to create a healthier, stronger and safer Milwaukee where families of all incomes and backgrounds truly thrive. Supported by the generosity and vision of its benefactors, the Milwaukee Y offers solutions that reduce health issues that plague the community, such as chronic diseases and preventable injuries; provides safe places seven-days-a-week where kids can have fun, families can gather and seniors can build meaningful connections; and serves as an access point for vital community needs, such as preventative health care and reliable, safe before- and afterschool care.