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VIDEO: Wisconsin Jobs Outlook

Job figures in relation to tax collections

On May 10, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Chief Economist, John Koskinen, gave a presentation about Wisconsin's job outlook in 2012 and 2013 to the Association of Government Accountants.

The topics Koskinen covered include:

- Wisconsin's unemployment rate is significantly lower than the nationwide average and falling rapidly
- Why the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) report of 30,000 job loss in Wisconsin is misleading and inconsistent with other BLS surveys and economic data
- The different ways BLS measures employment through its surveys
- What the hard count of unemployment records has to say
- GPR revenue collections running ahead of estimates
- Wisconsin's stronger personal income growth and expanded job growth

Click <u>here</u> to watch the video of his presentation.

Prior to joining the Wisconsin Department of Revenue agency in 2007 as Chief Economist, John Koskinen served as a Staff Economist for the Wisconsin Department of Administration from 1979 to 2007. He started his professional career at the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau. Koskinen has his B.A. and M.A. in Economics from Marquette University, as well as additional graduate studies in Economics at Northwestern University.