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Video Series: Wisconsin's Economy Today

In new video series, Department of Revenue Chief Economist John Koskinen explains why Wisconsin's economy is the strongest it's been in almost 20 years

Today the Wisconsin Department of Revenue launches the first in a series of videos created to quickly and simply explain the current state of the Wisconsin's economy: the best in 18 years. The videos feature Department of Revenue Chief Economist John Koskinen.

Department of Revenue Secretary Rick Chandler notes, "John frequently travels the state to speak to civic and business groups and share economic data. He covers a variety of topics and metrics and is frequently asked by his audiences how they can share this information. We concluded that a series of short videos would be a good way to break down pieces of his presentations and share them widely."

The topics that will be featured in this series include Wisconsin's:

- Transition to a full employment economy
- Growth in GDP and wages
- Reduced tax burden
- Growth in business establishments
- Increased competitiveness
- Lower cost of living advantage

Watch the first video in the forthcoming series here.

Prior to joining the Wisconsin Department of Revenue 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.

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