

**Governor Scott Walker announced the appointment of three board members to the WEDC, which will replace the Wisconsin Department of Commerce later this year. Governor Walker appointed Dan Ariens of Green Bay, Lisa Mauer of Wauwatosa, and Don Weber of La Crosse. The WEDC will takeover the programs currently in the Department of Commerce and reorganize them to effectively and efficiently help the private sector create jobs.**

**The announcement of these appointments comes on the heels of good economic news shown by updated revenue projections, an announcement about jumping seventeen spots in a business ranking, three major bond agencies affirming the steps Governor Walker took to stabilize the state's rating, and the Legislature introducing a bill to improve businesses' ability to access resources by promoting venture capital investment.**