

July 9, 2013

**REPORT NO. 2013-27**

**REPORT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAKING AN  
APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RACINE COUNTY  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

Michael E. Batten has resigned from his position as Chair of the Racine County Workforce Development Board (WDB), after serving on the WDB since 1999, and leading the Board with distinction as Chairman. Therefore, to serve as WDB Chair, I hereby appoint:

**Thomas A. Burke**  
Modine Manufacturing  
1500 DeKoven Avenue  
Racine, WI 53403

Mr. Burke is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Modine Manufacturing. He joined Modine in 2005 as Executive Vice President, and was named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in 2006. Prior to joining Modine, Mr. Burke was Vice President of North American Manufacturing Operations, Vice President of European and South American Manufacturing, and Vice President of North America and Asian Operations for Visteon Corporation. He also spent 17 years in a variety of senior engineering and operating positions with Ford Motor Company. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Purdue University.

Mr. Burke serves on the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation Board of Trustees, the Milwaukee School of Engineering Board of Regents, and the National Association of Manufacturers Board of Directors.

I am certain that Tom Burke will continue the effective leadership provided by Michael Batten, and I ask that you confirm this appointment.

Sincerely,

James A. Ladwig  
County Executive