



Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council

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Assistant Director tapped to lead Labor-Management Council

The Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council announces the promotion of Kelly Cooper to Executive Director. She will have the primary responsibility of directing and managing the Labor-Management Council's goal of improving the economic environment of the tri-state area through progressive labor and management leadership.

Richard Running, former Executive Director for the past three years, will stay with the organization in the capacity of part-time Development Director.

"Kelly has been a key part of our success, and we were excited to promote her to this important position," said Sandra Lynn, Labor Relations Manager at John Deere Dubuque Works and DALMC Management Chair.

Cooper- a Dubuque native - joined the Council in 2003 and most recently held the position of Assistant Director. She has been responsible for the planning of programs and events of the organization for the past seven years and will continue to lead all of these initiatives with the assistance of Megan Starr, Program Specialist. Cooper is also a member of the Dubuque Works initiative and is charged with improving the image of skilled occupations in the tri-state area. She will continue to work with students to show them the opportunities that exist in skilled occupations.

Cooper has received numerous awards over the past year including: the TH Rising Star Award, Women of Achievement Award, and a Governor's Volunteer Award.

“I look forward to leading the organization to achieve its goals and mission”, Cooper said. “I am honored to be selected for the position and will work diligently to improve labor-management relations in the tri-state area”.