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Richard Waclawek has been director of the Department of Labor & Economic Growth's Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives since April 2005. The bureau provides data on occupational wages, job outlooks, industry forecasts and employment statistics for the state of Michigan.

Mr. Waclawek has extensive experience in the global automotive industry, most recently in corporate business operations, business and strategic planning, and product portfolio management. He has a strong international background both as a global director of corporate strategy and as a manager on an international assignment in Europe. He also possesses a broad technical background in engineering of automotive components and systems and has more than 14 years' experience in engineering and corporate management.

Prior to joining the Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Mr. Waclawek served as global director of corporate strategy and business development for Visteon Corporation in Dearborn. From 1971 to 2000, he was employed by the Ford Motor Company in positions ranging from development engineer and chief product analyst to European operations planning and program manager for electronics. An engineering graduate of the University of Michigan, he has a master's degree in business administration, also from The University of Michigan.