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19 percent of job seekers willing to take a pay cut of 20 percent or higher

Brookfield, Wis. (July 16, 2009) – QPS Companies Inc. (QPS), a local staffing and recruiting firm, recently surveyed job seekers in the Milwaukee area. The survey, which was conducted after QPS' Employment Expo, gathered data from over 70 expo attendees.

Survey Findings:

How long have you been out of work?

- 46 percent- 0 to 3 months
- 26 percent- 4 to 6 months
- 4 percent- 7 to 9 months
- 4 percent- 10 to 12 months
- 7 percent- 1 to 2 years

Average: 5 months out of work

How long have you been actively seeking work?

- 49 percent- 0 to 3 months
- 30 percent- 4 to 6 months
- 1 percent- 7 to 9 months
- 7 percent- 10 to 12 months
- 3 percent- 1 to 2 years

Average: 4.7 months seeking work

Due to the economy, how much of a pay cut would you take to secure a job?

- 27 percent- Cut of 1 to 5 percent
- 30 percent- Cut of 6 to 10 percent
- 9 percent- Cut of 11 to 15 percent
- 19 percent- Cut of 20 percent or higher
- 15 percent- Looking to stay at same rate as previous job

Average: 8.25 percent pay cut

How far are you willing to drive to work?

- 12 percent- Up to 10 miles
- 56 percent- 11 to 30 miles
- 26 percent- 31 to 50 miles
- 6 percent- Over 51 miles

Average: 24.39 mile commute



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What forms of social media are you using in your job search?

- 43 percent- Use Linked In
- 34 percent- Indeed.com
- 15 percent- Job boards like Monster.com and CareerBuilder.com
- 10 percent- Facebook

Average: 68 percent are using at least one form of social media

How long will it take to find work?

- 2 Percent- 1 week
- 18 percent- 1 month
- 44 percent- 3 months
- 20 percent- 6 months
- 3 percent- 1 year
- 3 percent- Over 1 year

Average: 14.26 weeks or 3.56 months

About QPS Companies, Inc.:

QPS was founded in 1985 and has grown from a two-person operation to a company whose internal staff now numbers over 200 employees in twenty one office locations throughout Wisconsin and Illinois. QPS has experienced substantial growth over the past twenty years. We currently employ more than 4,000 associate employees weekly and work with over 1,000 companies in Wisconsin and Illinois. QPS has earned a reputation for responding to both employees and customers, finding optimal employment for applicants, and taking initiative to resolve customers' staffing needs.

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