

**Excerpt from a letter to Bernd Fischer from Wolfgang Forell,
Chairman of the Board of the Federal Office for Labour,
Regional Management Hessen, Nov. 29, 2005 :**

"Dear Mr. Fischer,

the Chairman of the Federal Office for Labour, Frank-Jürgen Weise, thanks you for your letter dated November 17, 2005 and requests that I send you a reply.

The background to Walter Riester's (former Federal Minister for Labour and Social Policy) initiative to award a prize for creating the most workplaces for severely disabled people, was the adoption of the law to prevent unemployment among the severely disabled and the government's accompanying action programme for integrating severely disabled people into the workforce. This programme took place in the years 1999-2002. The Workplace Investor Prize in the "Creation of Most Workplaces for Severely Disabled" category, awarded by the Rhine-Main Business Club in the years 1999-2002, was thus closely related to the action program in its content, and explicitly honoured for this duration the events of the bill for this group of people who are disadvantaged in the workplace. ..."