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State Building Commission Should Pass Governor Evers' Beneficial Statewide Capital Budget, Embrace Bi-Partisanship

\$2.5 billion to modernize UW campuses, fund local projects and build detention centers

(Pewaukee, Wis.) – This afternoon, the State Building Commission has the opportunity to do great things for the state of Wisconsin. Governor Tony Evers' unveiled his \$2.5 billion Capital Budget two weeks ago – a budget that addresses years of structural and budgetary needs. The Wisconsin Operating Engineers Local 139 emphatically supports the governor's proposal and Terry McGowan, Local 139 president and business manager said, "The governor cares about our universities, our local communities and the more than 40,000 men and women whose job it is to rebuild them."

Nearly half of the governor's building plan includes renovation and new building projects in the University of Wisconsin system, but also addresses local construction projects and a new state office building in Milwaukee, among others. While the proposed capital budget is guaranteed to face a spirited debate, McGowan said, "The time has come when we can no longer delay improvements to our university campuses and our communities. These new construction and improvement projects across the state are vital to Wisconsin's economy."

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Established in 1902, Operating Engineers Local 139 is a statewide trade union that primarily represents skilled Operators of heavy construction equipment and mechanics who service the machines. The union has more than 10,000 active and retired members and is headquartered in Pewaukee. Local 139 also maintains district offices in Madison, Appleton and Altoona, as well as a state-certified training school for Operating Engineers in Coloma. For more information, please go to www.iuoe139.org