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**WISCONSIN OPERATING ENGINEERS ENCOURAGED BY LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT OF
MAJOR GREEN BAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
'Experience Greater Green Bay Visitor Center'
*Legislation and Funding On The Table***

(PEWAUKEE, Wis.) – The debate over the Experience Greater Green Bay Visitor Center has carried on for nearly four years, but today there are encouraging signs that the project may finally be on track. Governor Tony Evers joined key legislators, Senator Dave Hansen and Representative Staush Gruszynski in Green Bay to unveil legislation intended to provide final funding for the project. Private donors have already raised \$5 million and the bill introduced at the press conference would provide the final \$2 million to complete the project.

“This is not only a great project for Wisconsin workers in the construction trades, it will be an economic boon for the Green Bay region,” said Terry McGowan, president and business manager for the Wisconsin Operating Engineers Local 139. “We appreciate the governor’s ongoing commitment and those in the legislature, like Senator Hansen and Representative Gruszynski and others, who have worked diligently to see this critical project become a reality.”

McGowan added that it is important to note that the skilled construction trades are also making a financial investment in the project and will display their role in the history of the Green Bay region.

According to the Wisconsin Tourism Department, Brown County has the fifth-highest visitor expenditures in Wisconsin and the Visitor Center will be one more reason to spend more time and explore the region beyond the Tiletown area. It is estimated there are 5.7 million annual visitors to Brown County.

Wisconsin Operating Engineers Local 139 and other members of the Northeast Wisconsin Building and Construction Trades fully support the legislative effort to fund and build this important project.