Invest in the Building Program
Critical link to prosperity

BACKGROUND
The State of Wisconsin is the largest building owner in the state owning over 6,000 building structures totaling well over 75 million square feet of space. This total includes facilities for UW Systems, the Departments of Corrections, Military Affairs and Natural Resources, state office buildings and residential facilities operated by the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Instruction. Nearly two-thirds of these facilities are over 35 years old and are in significant need of replacement, repair or renovation. There is an estimated $5 billion backlog of deferred maintenance projects to address.

KEY FACTS
- Insufficient funding upsets long-term planning resulting in cost overruns that negatively impact taxpayers.
- Deferred maintenance results in increased future costs.
- Each dollar invested in capital projects results in three dollars of economic growth.
- Many buildings, dams and other facilities are at or past their projected life cycles or working at a capacity beyond which they were designed.

SOLUTIONS
- Develop a funding plan that addresses current needs while digging into the backlog over time.
- Continue to fund preventative maintenance to prevent costly fixes in the future.

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