

## Wisconsin CEOs Urge Republicans to Fund UW-Madison Engineering Building Project

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***Governor's special session comprehensive workforce plan already before the Legislature would invest nearly \$200 million into engineering building project.***

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MADISON — Yesterday, in an advertisement that ran in the *Wisconsin State Journal* and *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

, respectively, 42 CEOs from some of the state's leading employers

[penned a letter](#)

to the Republican-controlled Wisconsin State Legislature urging them to pass funding for the engineering building expansion project at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison's College of Engineering. Letter signatories included American Family Insurance, Johnson Controls, Rockwell Automation, and Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC), among several others.

A plan to invest nearly \$200 million to fund UW-Madison's engineering building project is already before the Legislature and available for Republicans to take immediate legislative action—in a special session of the Legislature [called by the governor in August](#), Gov. Evers included the engineering building project in his comprehensive workforce plan to address the state's generational workforce challenges and invest in higher education. Republicans have spent the interceding months delaying action on the plan and refusing to meaningfully consider the governor's proposal as drafted. It is not the first time legislative Republicans have refused or delayed support for the project. Gov. Evers previously proposed funding for the UW-Madison engineering building project in his

[2023-25 Capital Budget recommendations](#)

as part of the 2023-25 biennial budget process, but Republicans rejected enumerating the project.

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