



## Wisconsin LECET

### Wisconsin LECET Works with Private Developers to Generate Projects and Jobs

In 2010, Wisconsin LECET responded to the state's sagging construction market by helping private developers navigate state and local permitting processes.

When a real estate developer began planning a \$100-million mixed-use facility in Madison, Wisconsin, he approached Wisconsin LECET to see if the fund could help him move the project through the permitting and approvals process. Working together, and with the Wisconsin Laborers' District Council, the developer and Wisconsin LECET were able to mobilize community support, meet with elected officials, and keep the project moving forward and on track. Work will soon begin on the project, with Wisconsin Laborers and their signatory contractors getting much of the work.

While working to support the project, Wisconsin LECET began holding informal meetings with the developer and other interested parties to explore ways to better facilitate similar private real estate projects throughout the state. Owners, developers, and contractors began meeting regularly with Wisconsin LECET staff to assess upcoming projects, identify and respond to potential obstacles, and coordinate their efforts to move projects forward. Wisconsin LECET and the developer have now joined forces to plan a more formal seminar in the spring of 2011 that will bring together developers, banks, investors, and others to address issues of planning, permitting, and financing of private construction projects.



### OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Tracked projects funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA).
- Helped Laborers and their signatory contractors win work on more than \$250 million worth of public projects.
- Launched an initiative to help the state's rural electric cooperatives pursue federal grants to develop geothermal projects that would employ Laborers and their signatory contractors.
- Worked to level the playing field for signatory contractors by supporting legislation that would apply the state's prevailing wage laws to smaller projects and require payroll reporting on all public works projects.



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