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Madison State Office Master Plan Offers Savings for Taxpayers

Madison-The Department of Administration's (DOA) Facilities Management Team started work in 2011-2012 on Governor Scott Walker's initiative to reduce the state office space footprint, reduce the amount of rented space, find greater efficiencies and ultimately provide cost savings for Wisconsin taxpayers of approximately \$2 million annually.

This work has resulted in the Madison Master Plan for state offices. The centerpiece of this plan is the Hill Farms Re-Development project which is proceeding as planned—the building design is underway, and the contractor has officially broken ground.

Nine state agencies, boards or commissions are scheduled to move into the Hill Farms building in 2018. In addition, as part of this taxpayer cost reduction plan, several other agencies will be moving from privately owned leased space to state owned office buildings.

The plan has been refined over the course of our work to a point where we have achieved even more cost savings for taxpayers than originally projected. Once moves are complete, the plan will reduce the number of private leases held by the state from 17 to 4, reducing the overall footprint by approximately 85,000 square feet.

Agencies designated to occupy the Hill Farms building in 2018 are:

- Dept. of Transportation
- Dept. of Safety and Professional Services
- Dept. of Financial Institutions
- Dept. of Administration, Division of Hearings and Appeals
- Public Service Commission
- Dept. of Employee Trust Funds-consolidating two locations into one
- Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission
- Higher Education Aids Board
- Wisconsin Tech College System Board- Educational Approval Board

Additional cost-saving state agency moves scheduled to take place in late 2018-early 2019:

- Dept. of Children and Families will consolidate from offices in seven different locations into one area in the GEF III state owned building on Webster Street in Madison
- Dept. of Public Instruction will move into the GEF 1 building on Webster Street.

- Dept. of Veterans Affairs will share space in the Dept. of Revenue building on Madison's Rimrock Rd.
- Dept. of Transportation will consolidate two west side Madison DMV offices into one yet to be determined location
- Office of the Commissioner of Insurance will move to the Tommy Thompson Building on West Washington Avenue

The implementation of the Madison plan is the first step. We are developing a master plan for state offices across the state to achieve additional savings and efficiencies.

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