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**WALKER APPLAUDS NAVY DECISION  
ON MARINETTE MARINE CONTRACT**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker responded to the announcement by the U.S. Navy that Marinette Marine and defense contractor Lockheed Martin Corp. have been awarded a contract to build another ship similar to the USS Freedom. Last November, about 10,000 people attended the USS Freedom commissioning at Milwaukee County Veterans Park.

“This is great news for Marinette Marine and the many Wisconsin companies that provide equipment and technology for the ship,” said Walker. “After the success of the USS Freedom commissioning, it would be wonderful to have the opportunity to host future commissionings at Veterans Park.”

Locally, DRS Technologies in Milwaukee played an important role in outfitting the cutting edge computer controls on the USS Freedom. The littoral combat ship was the first of its kind, built to operate in near-coastal waters to execute missions such as humanitarian relief, mine, anti-submarine and surface warfare.

Marinette is one of the stops on the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Executives’ Ride in June, with a stop at the shipyard planned for the riders. The motorcycle ride, to be lead by Walker from June 21 – June 25, touts Milwaukee County tourism and business.

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