

Evers announces four more cabinet picks, including Thompson at DOT, Pfaff at DATCP

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Gov.-elect Tony Evers today announced another four cabinet picks, including Brad Pfaff as DATCP secretary and Craig Thompson to lead DOT.

Pfaff was the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wisconsin Farm Service Agency executive director during the Obama administration. He went back to work for U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, D-La Crosse, as deputy chief of staff, after leaving the Obama administration. He was raised on a dairy farm in northern La Crosse County and lives in Onalaska.

The other picks are:

*Rebecca Cameron Valcq for the Public Service Commission. She is a partner at Quarles & Brady in the firm's Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Practice Group out of its Milwaukee office. Before joining the firm, she spent 15 years as regulatory counsel for WE Energies and represented the company before the PSC, [according to her profile on the firm's website](#).

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*Mark Afable for Insurance commissioner. He is chief legal officer at American Family Insurance in Madison. He has been with the company since 1994, according to his [LinkedIn profile](#), and was an executive vice president before becoming chief legal officer in 2014.

Thompson, who WisPolitics.com and other media reported yesterday would be the DOT pick, has been head of the Transportation Development Association since 2007.

Evers, in announcing the picks, said he's "absolutely confident" in the people he's bringing on.

"When we embarked on this process, as I said before, we're looking for some folks that connect the dots. But at the end of the day it is about talent," he said.

"Whether you're in the public sector or the private sector, your success is based on the talent that the people that you bring into that enterprise possess."