

Sen. Cowles: Applauds STEM Center approval

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GREEN BAY- Today, the State Building Commission approved the Brown County STEM Innovation Center, a three-story, multi-tenant office and laboratory building to be constructed on the UW-Green Bay campus. The project's total cost is \$15 million with a \$5 million state investment and the remainder split evenly between Brown County and the UWGB Foundation. Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) released the following statement applauding this approval:

"Northeast Wisconsin has increasingly become a hub at the center of Wisconsin's economy, and UWGB has been an essential part of preparing the region's workforce for over 50 years. Working to adapt to and evolve with the needs of the region, the addition of an engineering program, stationed in the STEM Center, to UWGB's program offerings will help generate 50 more years of workforce leaders and innovators.

"With this project passing a major milestone, the Brown County STEM Innovation Center joins other recent announcements, such as the new partnership at Microsoft's TiletownTech and the opening of the state-of-the-art Great Lakes Energy Education Center, that position Northeast Wisconsin to produce more graduates with the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics skills that can keep the region's economy moving forward.

"I want to thank the members of the Building Commission for approving this project. I also want to extend my appreciation to Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach and UWGB Chancellor Gary Miller for their partnership that brought this Center from an idea to nearly shovel ready."