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## Wisconsin Economic Development Association Statement on Governor Scott Walker's State of the State Address

**Madison, WI** – Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) Executive Director Brian Doudna issued the following statement on Governor Scott Walker's State of the State Address.

"The Wisconsin Economic Development Association applauds Governor Walker for his emphasis on growing Wisconsin's economy and strengthening our workforce in his State of the State address.

"WEDA supports the Governor's goal to attract new private investment, bolster workforce development, and drive innovation in rural parts of the state. His proposal to create a \$50 million Rural Economic Development Fund is an exciting opportunity, and we welcome efforts to provide long-term investment in economic development projects in rural Wisconsin.

"WEDA looks forward to learning more about the proposed Rural Economic Development Fund and working with Governor Walker and the Legislature on key economic development initiatives during the remainder of the current legislative session."

## **About WEDA**

The Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to expanding the economy of the State of Wisconsin. Founded in 1975, WEDA's economic development professionals and active volunteers are dedicated to making Wisconsin a better place to live and work through economic development that focuses on retaining and expanding existing businesses; facilitating investment and entrepreneurship; and attracting new companies, employment opportunities and innovation capital.