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Governor's budget proposals would take us backwards

MADISON – Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Wisconsin is concerned with many budget proposals announced by Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers and his administration this week that threaten free enterprise in construction. This includes repeal of Project Labor Agreement Neutrality and restoring Prevailing Wage.

“We recognize the need for a long-term infrastructure funding solution, but we shouldn’t take two steps back just to take one step forward,” said John Mielke, president of ABC of Wisconsin.

“Prevailing wage repeal reduced costs and project labor agreement neutrality increased competition on public works projects. Those are good things. Taxpayers need to be confident that their tax dollars are being spent as efficiently as possible before they are asked to contribute more,” Mielke said.

“Returning to a time of inflated government-mandated wages and project labor agreements that sacrifice competition returns us to outdated rules that hurt taxpayers and local contractors. We cannot support a transportation budget that goes backwards on these important issues,” Mielke added.

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Associated Builders and Contractors is a national trade association, representing more than 21,000 merit contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, manufacturers and construction-related professionals. With 881 members, the Wisconsin chapter is the largest in the country. ABC members support the merit philosophy which stresses open competition and the free enterprise system and believe the best construction projects are those built on merit. To learn more about ABC of Wisconsin, visit www.abcwi.org.