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Baldwin Secures Funds for UW-Baraboo Living and Learning Center

Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin has secured \$500,000 in federal funds to support construction of a new "Living and Learning Center" on the UW-Baraboo/Sauk County (UW-BSC) campus. The funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act that passed both houses of Congress and awaits the President's signature.

The Center is planned to be a "green" residence hall that will house 96 students during the academic year and provide a conference facility for 125 attendees throughout the year. The facility is designed to meet requirements of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, which develops standards for environmentally sustainable construction. It has the support of the city, county, and University of Wisconsin System.

"I'm pleased to help bring federal support to this worthwhile local project," said Congresswoman Baldwin. "While serving the students, faculty, and staff of UW-BSC, the new Living and Learning Center will also serve as an example to the larger community of sustainable design and environmental stewardship," Baldwin said.

"We are extremely pleased that Congresswoman Baldwin has secured a federal appropriation for our project," said UW-BSC Dean and Campus Executive Officer Thomas C. Pleger. "The LLC will allow UW-BSC to serve more students by providing housing on campus and by demonstrating how universities can lead the way in promoting sustainable building programs," Pleger said.

"We really appreciate Congresswoman Baldwin's support for the Living and Learning Center," said David Wilson, University of Wisconsin Colleges and University of Wisconsin-Extension Chancellor. "UW-Baraboo/Sauk County provides students with a successful and affordable start on a bachelor's degree and the LLC will go a long way to ensuring access to the educational resources of the University of Wisconsin System," Wilson said.

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