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Governor Signs Contracting Reform Bill

MADISON – Governor Jim Doyle today signed a bill to improve the cost effectiveness of work done by the State of Wisconsin. This legislation requires state agencies to do a “uniform and complete cost analysis” before work is contracted out.

State Engineering Association (SEA) members were present to witness the signing of the contracting reform bill. “We support Assembly Bill AB-105 because it requires that cost be considered when the decision is made to contract for services, such as engineering services,” said SEA President Mark Klipstein. “This contracting reform bill has the ability to restore public confidence in a process that seems to have more to do with politics than saving money.”

The impetus behind this commonsense measure was several DOT economic analyses that demonstrated that outsourcing engineering services costs the taxpayers more than it would have cost if state employees had performed the work. The most recent report confirmed that taxpayers pay more than 18 percent more when engineering work is contracted out.