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SEA Criticizes Governor Doyle's Proclamation

MADISON – Members of the State Engineering Association (SEA) criticized Governor Jim Doyle's declaration of June 15, 2005 as State Employee Recognition Day to "recognize the accomplishments and contributions of current state employees."

"It is a cruel twist of fate that our Governor, who has presided over the greatest erosion of the civil service system since its inception in 1905, is angling for recognition through this hollow gesture," lamented SEA President Mark Klipstein. "The people of Wisconsin, and especially state employees, have repeatedly witnessed Governor Doyle's disdain for state employees."

Even before he took office, Doyle promised to eliminate 10,000 employees regardless of the cost to the state. In the meantime, he continues to contract out state work - even when contracting out has proven much more costly for taxpayers.

Governor Doyle's lack of respect for state employees is clear when his dismal collective bargaining record is reviewed. Eleven of 19 state employee bargaining units have unsettled labor contracts for almost two years. "If he really wanted to honor state employees, the first step would be to come to the bargaining table to truly negotiate contracts," added Klipstein.

Governor Doyle's role in State Employee Recognition Day is a mockery of all people who have

worked for the State of Wisconsin.

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The Wisconsin State Engineering Association (SEA) is a bargaining unit of approximately 1,100 engineers and engineering related professionals employed by more than a dozen state agencies. We are responsible for the implementation of a myriad of engineering services conducted by Wisconsin's state agencies. We are a group of people dedicated to ensuring the quality and safety of life of every person in Wisconsin.

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