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## **State engineers to meet with legislators Wednesday**

MADISON - The impact of no-bid state contracts is likely to be part of the discussion when Wisconsin state engineers meet one-on-one at the Capitol with legislators Wednesday to discuss issues and exchange views.

"The state continues to sign no-bid contracts that provide four to six percent annual increases to private engineering consultants, but refuses to provide even modest increases to its own, mission-tested employees," said Sharon Bremser, president of the State Engineers Association (SEA).

SEA is a bargaining unit for about 1,100 engineers and engineering-related professionals employed by more than a dozen state agencies. Annually for the past eight years, SEA members across the state have set aside a day of personal time to travel to Madison and exchange information with their legislators.

Bremser said a SEA-backed study comparing private consultants versus state engineer costs showed that state engineers are at least 18 percent more cost effective than private alternatives.

"Our members will be sure to point that fact out to legislators," Bremser said. "The truth is that taxpayers pay more for engineering work when it is contracted out than when state engineers do the job."

Other issues that SEA members plan to discuss with legislators include the continuing issue of transportation funding, contract reform rule-making (Act 89), state agency reorganization, bargaining, state vehicle fleet issues, and political fund raising by appointed state officials.

"SEA Day gives legislators a chance to meet our members and better understand our dedication to provide quality service to the people of Wisconsin," Bremser said.

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