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**Carpenters Union Applauds Creation of Grant Program Supporting Tourism Investment Projects**

*Federally funded initiative will create jobs while bolstering Wisconsin's tourism sector*

**Madison** – The North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters commends Governor Tony Evers for his announcement today on the creation of a grant program that will support tourism projects having a substantial capital component. These grants, funded by the state's allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), will ensure Wisconsin's tourism sector continues to experience a strong recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This innovative grant program will create strong middle class construction jobs. We look forward to local leaders from around the Wisconsin putting forward compelling applications for bold capital projects that strengthen our state's tourism infrastructure," stated Andrew Disch, Political Director for the Carpenters Union.

The highly trained men and women of the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters stand ready to put their skills to work building our state's critically important tourism facilities.

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*North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters (NCSRCC) represents 27,000 members in 39 Locals and 17 training centers throughout Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Members in the six-state area include carpenters, industrial workers, interior systems carpenters, millwrights, pile drivers and floor coverers.*