



Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Chancellor Mark Mone  
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee  
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Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Chancellor Mone,

It is with great enthusiasm that Building Advantage writes to share our support for the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee’s (UWM) plans for its Health Sciences building renovation. It’s critical the State of Wisconsin help support the renovation project for UWM’s Health Sciences in its state budget. Building Advantage looks forward to supporting UWM’s efforts to ensure that this critical investment is included in the capital budget that the Wisconsin State Legislature adopts for its 2023-25 biennial budget.

UWM is a world class university that serves 24,000 students on its campuses making it the largest university in the economic engine that is the greater Milwaukee area. The total number of students at UWM nearly equals all the other 4-year universities in Milwaukee, Waukesha, and Ozaukee Counties combined. UWM also graduates more than 5,000 students annually and has over 200,000 alumni, with over 80% remaining in Wisconsin for at least the first decade beyond graduation.

Building Advantage is thrilled to support UWM’s renovation plans for the Health Sciences Northwest Quadrant building as it will increase UWM’s Health Sciences enrollment by up to fifteen percent and improve the experience and training for the current 2,000 students the Health Sciences department enrolls annually. As a major supplier of health care workers in the area, it’s critical we support UWM’s efforts as health care employers in the area continue to grow and are confronted with workforce pipeline challenges.

Not only will the state’s potential investment benefit the health sciences’ program, students, and local health care employers, it will have a profound impact on the construction industry. These types of construction projects support hundreds of construction workers and provide an economic boost for our local economy. Building Advantage’s contractor employers and the tradespeople they employ are excited for the work this project will lead to once it’s supported by the Wisconsin Legislature.

Building Advantage also respects the fact that UWM has been a good steward of the dollars and state support they receive. Their plans to renovate, in lieu of building new, is just one more example of how they are mindful of any requests put before the state legislature. The university has limited space for new structures, and their plans to expand capacity at a current facility, gain efficiencies, and open space in other parts of the campus is a thoughtful space needs approach.

Building Advantage is proud to offer our support for UWM’s exciting Health Sciences building project.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, Building Advantage