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Marinette Harbor Grants Announced

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-chair of the Joint Committee on Finance, released the following statement regarding a harbor grant for the Marinette Harbor:

“Today I am pleased to see Governor Walker announce that Marinette Harbor will be receiving \$5 million in harbor grants. This investment will help Marinette Marine continue to compete on the world stage for years to come. As Marinette Marine’s current contract to build Littoral Combat Ships for the US Navy comes to an end, it is critical to make investments in our shipbuilding industry to maintain its competitive edge.”

“In an increasingly competitive world economy, it’s easy to get left behind. That’s why it’s important for us to invest in companies like Marinette Marine that invest so heavily in Wisconsin and our workforce. With over 160 suppliers around the state, an employment impact of over 5,400 jobs, and a \$4.4 billion economic impact in northeastern Wisconsin alone, it’s clear how much Marinette Marine means to Wisconsin, and speaks to how much Wisconsin will lose if Marinette Marine falls behind.”

The \$5 million will be used for the dredging of 20,000 cubic yards of soft sediment and 10,000 cubic yards of hard sediment to create the necessary depth for construction of new navy vessels. This project is part of a three-year multi-phase \$100M site improvement project to transition the shipyard to accommodate construction of larger vessels.

Rep. Nygren has played a pivotal role in helping shepherd crucial investments for the Northeastern Wisconsin shipbuilding economy, putting Wisconsin on the world stage. In early 2013, a grant of \$5 million was awarded to construct the Wisconsin Maritime Center of Excellence. In 2016, the Center received a \$500,000 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. The Center is a business incubator for the growing shipbuilding economy.

Additionally, Rep. Nygren authored a crucial letter of support highlighting the importance Marinette Marine has not only for the local community, but all of Wisconsin. Rep. Nygren also met with the Department of Transportation to recommend the approval of this grant.

“This is not just important to Northeastern Wisconsin, but important for Wisconsin as a whole. I would like to thank Governor Walker for his tireless efforts to improve Northeastern Wisconsin’s economy.”