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Rep. Kitchens Statement on Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding Receiving Harbor Assistance Grant

Madison – State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement regarding the announcement that the Wisconsin Harbor Assistance Program has awarded \$3.6 million to Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding:

“I am incredibly pleased that the state has awarded \$3.6 million in grant funds from the Harbor Assistance Program for our harbor in Sturgeon Bay. This is funding I requested in the 2017-18 biennial state budget and I am thrilled that everything is moving forward smoothly.

“The Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding Company will be using these funds for the third phase of the harbor project which will include dredging and harbor construction that will allow for deeper berths. The improvements funded by these grants will allow Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding to accommodate heavier vessels and increase their overall winter capacity.

“This funding will contribute to the continued public-private partnership between the city and its largest employer, providing increased job opportunities throughout Sturgeon Bay and the entire northeast region.

“I would like to thank the local business community for their partnership and drive on this issue. This is something that I have been advocating for since I came into office and I believe it will be another big step forward for Sturgeon Bay’s Harbor. I look forward to seeing the boost in our economy as the harbor is revitalized in the near future.”

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