

WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Fabrication Laboratory Technical Assistance Grants
[LFB Paper #667]

Motion:

Move to require the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to allocate \$100,000 in 2017-18 and \$300,000 in 2018-19 from its existing funds for the purpose of making fabrication laboratory technical assistance grants to one or more nonprofit organizations for the provision of services to Wisconsin school districts in which the school board has adopted a resolution to initiate a fabrication laboratory. Require that services provided under a grant award include the development of curricula for fabrication laboratories and other assistance related to fabrication laboratories, as determined by WEDC. Define a fabrication laboratory to mean a high-technology workshop equipped with computer-controlled additive and subtractive manufacturing components. Define a nonprofit organization to mean an organization described in Section 501 (c) (3) or (6) of the Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from federal income tax.

Note:

Under the Governor's recommendation, as modified by LFB Paper #667, WEDC would be required to provide at least \$500,000 in 2017-18 and 2018-19 from its current funding sources for a program substantially similar to the temporary fabrication laboratory grant program that was created under 2015 Wisconsin Act 55. In addition to the Governor's recommendation, the motion would require WEDC to allocate \$100,000 in 2017-18 and \$300,000 in 2018-19 from its existing funds for the purpose of making grants to nonprofit organizations that provide services to school districts that initiate a fabrication laboratory program.

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