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**Rep. Shankland: New Science Building Big Win for UW-Stevens Point**

Madison – Yesterday, the State Building Commission voted to approve the UW-Stevens Point Chemistry-Biology Building project. The \$75 million project was included in the 2013 State Budget and is expected to break ground in the fall of 2015 with a completion date in 2017.

In response, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement:

“After years of planning, I’m thrilled to see the UW-Stevens Point’s plans for a new science building realized. The Chemistry-Biology building is an excellent investment for the university and our community. It will strengthen UW-Stevens Point’s contributions to our local economy, train future leaders in scientific research, and lead the campus’ sustainability efforts. With its vegetated green roof and strong energy efficiency improvements, this building serves as a shining example of UW-Stevens Point’s leadership in sustainability.”

On Tuesday, May 5, the legislature’s Joint Finance Committee will also be taking up two budget provisions affecting the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB) and the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology (WIST) at UW-Stevens Point. Governor Walker’s budget proposal eliminates both programs entirely and the Joint Finance Committee will be voting on whether to restore funding for the programs or retain the governor’s cuts.

In response, Rep. Shankland said, “I’ve been meeting with my legislative colleagues to discuss the strong importance of these programs to the community and state. I hope they recognize the value that WEEB and WIST add to the Central Wisconsin regional economy and the work they do to lead our state in environmental education and sustainable technology. I urge the Joint Finance Committee to prioritize these programs at UW-Stevens Point on Tuesday.”

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