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February 3, 2010

Dear Representative Kerkman:

I hope all is going well for you as we begin a new year and a new decade! The semester is off to a great start at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and, as promised, we will be hosting a spring Legislative Breakfast in March. We will send out details in early February to give you plenty of notice.

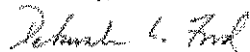
I am writing today to ask for your support for AB 427, Revision of State Building Contracting and Construction Procedures. This bill has been requested by the Building Commission and is supported by the UW System and UW-Parkside.

As noted on the UW System website, this "bill permits DOA either to: 1) solicit both single and separate bids on any division of the work it designates; or 2) solicit only single bids on all divisions of the work that DOA designates. The bill also enables DOA to utilize "construction-manager-at-risk" procedure whereby DOA hires a manager to provide pre-construction services and to manage the construction process. DOA may provide that notice and bidding requirements and other laws governing construction procedures do not apply to a specific project constructed using this new contracting procedure. The legislation specifies and standardizes subcontractor protections enforced under single-prime contracts in administrative rule. DOA would also be permitted to require each bidder on a project to submit with its bid a list of its subcontractors to be used on the project."

As Chancellor of UW-Parkside, I support this bill and believe this new legislation will streamline project management in state facilities to save time, reduce administration, and increase accountability. The bill would also treat the three most common project delivery methods equally in the statutes. This bill is important to the UW-Parkside campus as we begin the construction of the new Communication Arts Expansion and Renovation. We were authorized to use a single-prime contractor which will save time in coordination, and will result in increased accountability throughout the project. In the future, the flexibility afforded by this bill will facilitate selecting the most reasonable and rational delivery method for the type of construction project being proposed.

I am happy to talk with you about the impact of AB 427 and appreciate your support as we work together to streamline projects and increase efficiencies. Feel free to contact me at 262-595-2211 or by email at [Deborah.ford@uwp.edu](mailto:Deborah.ford@uwp.edu). Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



Deborah L. Ford  
Chancellor