



STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor
Joel Brennan, Secretary
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Dear City of Madison Planning Commission Members,

The State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration would like to take this opportunity to share its support for the private development plans at Madison Yards. The increased development at this site will provide anticipated amenities and increased pedestrian routes to the many tenants of the Hill Farms State Office Building as well as the public.

Smith Gilbane, a joint venture comprised of Gilbane Development Company and Summit Smith Development, with Gilbane Building Company and CD Smith Construction delivered the State's Hill Farms Office Building and 1,700-car parking structure in Madison, WI ahead of schedule and on budget, allowing the Department of Administration and the tax payers of Wisconsin to realize significant savings for reduced capitalized interest costs.

The entire Hill Farms project involved a 20.75-acre site which includes the development, finance, design, and construction of the nine-story, 600k SF Hill Farms State Office Building providing space for several State of Wisconsin Agencies; a 1,700-car parking structure; demolition of the existing high-rise State Office Building; and, site improvements and development of the remaining 13-acre multi-use development known as Madison Yards.

Throughout the process, Smith Gilbane approached the project solutions focused to maximize value for the State of Wisconsin and deliver results. The team was professional, knowledgeable, and committed to the success of the project.

On behalf of the State of Wisconsin, I commend the Smith Gilbane team for their invaluable experience, attention to detail, quality, and support throughout the project.

Sincerely,

Paula Veltum
Deputy Division Administrator
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