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**WAUKESHA COUNTY REDUCES HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COSTS BY \$1 MILLION**

Significant cost savings due to favorable bidding climate

WAUKESHA, Wis. – County Executive Dan Vrakas announced today that Waukesha County will be saving an additional \$1 million in construction costs associated with the new Health and Human Services (HHS) Building. The \$1 million savings is in addition to \$500,000 saved last year resulting in a total savings of \$1.5 million.

Waukesha County received favorable bids for the HHS Building both last year and this year and was able to coordinate and procure materials allowing for a strong construction start this spring. The \$35.2 million building is expected to be completed by the end of 2013.

“The beautiful, highly efficient new building will truly be a gem in Waukesha County,” Vrakas said. “The work that will be done here is extremely important to the vitality of the County. For generations to come, this building will act as the place for people in need of help to go to improve their lives.”

The County’s 5-Year Capital Plans allow for the County to strategically budget for major capital projects including the HHS Building.

“When we invest in a road or a building project – like the new Health and Human Service Building – we put a minimum of 20% down,” Vrakas said. “We receive the lowest interest rate available because of our AAA/aaa bond rating, and we pay off the project in ten years or less.”

The County Board will review Vrakas’ full 2013 budget in late September with final passage expected in November.

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