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## N.E.W. CHAMBERS COALITION POSITION STATEMENT

The Chambers of Commerce representing the communities of Fond du Lac, the Fox Cities, Green Bay and Oshkosh are united in their commitment to the following positions. Collectively these organizations represent over 6500 businesses within the Northeast Wisconsin area. These companies currently employ over 250,000 Wisconsin taxpayers.

### GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

#### ***1. Develop a menu of existing statutory tools that allow intergovernmental cooperation and opportunities not precluded.***

- As the State struggles with its current fiscal problems, proposals have been advanced to solve the budget deficit through intergovernmental service integration and delivery. These proposals have been met with resistance from local units of governments claiming that legislative and statutory barriers exist that prevent government services delivery and integration. The NEW Chambers Coalition will develop a list of statutory tools that currently exist that enable intergovernmental cooperation.

#### ***2. Address Wisconsin Constitutional and statutory impediments to intergovernmental cooperation.***

- Upon discovery of existing statutory tools, we will identify the constitutional and statutory barriers that impede intergovernmental cooperation. We will work with our State Representatives to develop enabling legislation and constitutional reform aimed at clearing obstacles to cooperation.

#### ***3. Identify and engage organizations that can and will be allies in the above activities.***

- There are a number of closely aligned community-based and regional organizations that support the ideals of intergovernmental cooperation. The NEW Chambers Coalition will engage these organizations to support efforts to facilitate the removal of obstacles to intergovernmental cooperation.