



# *Milwaukee County*

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### **MAJOR POTAWATOMI PROJECT IS PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO DEMAND JOBS FOR UNEMPLOYED BLACK MEN IN MILWAUKEE**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., released the following statement regarding the planned 20-story, 382-room hotel at Potawatomi Bingo Casino:

“The proposed Potawatomi Hotel gives our community a great chance to boldly train and hire men of color in Milwaukee. We need to look at getting the lion’s share of training and job opportunities with this major construction project. Let’s not just TALK about black men needing jobs because it’s a hot topic; let’s actually DO something about it!

“It’s time for both public and private sector leaders to come together and revolutionize the way we do business. I call on all community residents, politicians, civic leaders, faith communities, non-profit organizations, community activists, unions and all other stakeholders to boldly advocate for major contracting and hiring goals for black men and minority contractors. These standards should apply to the permanent jobs as well.

“Let’s not bow down to the status quo. That would be disgusting. Instead, let’s think outside the box. We have a chance to think big and be bold with our hiring goals for black men. Let’s find ways to promote local minority contractors and black men on this and other projects. Let’s lift people out of poverty with opportunities to make life better for themselves, their families, and our entire community.”

The proposed hotel project, which could be under construction by this spring, is expected to add about 1,000 construction jobs and 230 permanent positions in Milwaukee County.

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