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## **Washington Group selected to provide engineering, procurement and construction services for Wisconsin power plant**

Boise, Idaho – Washington Group International announced today that it has been selected to provide engineering, procurement, and construction services to We Power LLC for a new 500-megawatt, combined cycle, natural gas-fueled power plant to be built at Port Washington, Wis. We Power is a non-regulated energy development unit of Wisconsin Energy Corporation (WEC) established last year to design, build, and own new generation in Wisconsin.

The Port Washington project forms part of WEC's "Power the Future" plan to add approximately 2,800 megawatts of new electric generating capacity in Wisconsin to ensure reliable and affordable supplies of electric energy for the state's future. Washington Group will commence detailed engineering immediately. Construction will follow, pending approval of the project by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

The new Port Washington unit will be located on Lake Michigan at the site of the company's Port Washington power plant and will be operated by We Energies, the principal utility subsidiary of WEC. The new unit will consist of two combustion turbines, two heat recovery steam generators, and one steam turbine.

"We recognize the significance of the Port Washington project to Wisconsin Energy and its efforts to assure affordable, reliable and quality electric service to its customers," said Stephen G. Hanks, president and chief executive officer of Washington Group International. "A project of this magnitude is a greatly appreciated opportunity to extend and strengthen our long-standing commitment to Wisconsin Energy."

Washington Group has a history of successful projects with WEC, including the replacement of steam generators at Point Beach Nuclear Plant. The company is presently installing selective catalytic reduction (SCR) technology at We Energies' Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in Kenosha County, Wis., as part of a project to further reduce plant emissions.

Wisconsin Energy Corporation (NYSE: WEC) is a Milwaukee-based holding company with subsidiaries in utility and non-utility businesses. The company serves more than one million electric customers and more than 960,000 natural gas customers throughout Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula through its utility subsidiaries We Energies and Edison Sault

Electric. Its non-utility subsidiaries include energy development, pump manufacturing, recycling and renewable energy, and real estate businesses. Washington Group International, Inc., is a leading international engineering, construction, and environmental firm. With more than 38,000 employees at work in 43 states and more than 35 countries, the company offers a full life-cycle of services as a preferred provider of premier science, engineering, construction, program management and development in 14 major markets.

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