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Menominee Nation Arena Selected as Finalist for Prominent Economic Development Award

Madison, WI – The Menominee Nation Arena project has been selected as a finalist for a Real Estate Redevelopment and Reuse award. The award is part of the Community and Economic Development Awards (CEDA) program established by the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) to recognize businesses, projects and organizations that are making significant contributions to Wisconsin's economy. The project was nominated by the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation.

The former Buckstaff Furniture Company was one of the most blighted properties in Oshkosh before the site was transformed into the new state-of-the-art Menominee Nation Arena. The \$25 million arena is home to the Wisconsin Herd D-League team and has been a catalyst for revitalization and additional business growth in the proposed Sawdust District in Oshkosh. It has increased the tax base by over \$17 million and created nearly 120 full and part-time jobs.

The Menominee Nation Arena project is among 17 entities nominated as a finalist for the fourth annual CEDA Awards. There are two to three finalists in each of the following six award categories: Business Retention & Expansion; Economic Development Initiative; Economic Driver; Private-Public Partnership; Real Estate Redevelopment and Reuse; and Talent Development.

The Real Estate Redevelopment and Reuse award honors innovative real estate redevelopment or reuse projects that have had a positive impact on a community's economy, including job growth and increased tax base.

Finalists will be screened by an impartial panel of WEDA members and partners, and winners will be recognized at a ceremony on September 12, 2018, at The Edgewater Hotel in Madison. The award event is open to the public. For more information and to register, please go www.weda.org/events.

About WEDA:

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