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Blueprint for Prosperity: Governor Scott Walker Talks Real Tax Relief and Celebrates Badger Alloys 48th Anniversary

Milwaukee – Today, Governor Scott Walker made a stop at Badger Alloys in Milwaukee to celebrate the company's 48th anniversary. Governor Walker discussed his *Blueprint for Prosperity* and highlighted the changes to state income tax withholdings that go into effect today.

"Gone are the days of billion dollar deficits and double digit tax hikes. We're using the state surplus to return money to the hard-working taxpayers of the state," Governor Walker said. "We're building the state's economy through real government reform and tax relief so that great company's like Badger Alloys can build on their success in the future."

Badger Alloys is a family owned and operated sand foundry, celebrating 48 years of success in the state of Wisconsin. The company, which includes a machine shop and pattern shop, specializes in custom castings for military, energy, marine, and pump and valve industries. The company works with GPS Education Partners to provide high school students with knowledge that directly applies to the workplace, and participates in career coaching at Milwaukee Public Schools.

Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce honored Badger Alloys as "2013 Manufacturer of the Year," an award that recognizes companies for innovation, philanthropy, technological advances, dedication to customers, and quality. Badger Alloys was one of 34 nominees and one of four companies to receive the prestigious grand award.

The changes to withholding in effect today are part of Governor Walker's *Blueprint for Prosperity* plan, introduced following the announcement the state has a \$911 million surplus.

Blueprint for Prosperity:

Cut property taxes by \$406 million. The typical homeowner will see an actual reduction of \$100 dollars on their next property tax bill.

Cut income taxes by \$98.6 million. Savings for a typical family of four making \$40,000 will be \$58.

Adjust withholding of state income taxes by \$322.6 million. Beginning April 1, working parents in a typical family of four will see \$57.90 more in their paychecks each month, totaling more than \$500 by the end of this year.

Increase the Wisconsin Fast Forward program by \$35 million for worker training.

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