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**Green Bay Public Arts Commission Selects Artist for
Wisconsin Public Service Foundation Sculpture Project**

(Green Bay, WI) – The Green Bay Public Arts Commission has selected Green Bay sculptor Kent Hutchison to create a new public art piece inspired by Wisconsin Public Service’s (WPS) commitment to the city.

Hutchison, a Wisconsin native and owner and founder of Hutchison Art and Design, was chosen based on his proposal to create “Embark,” a 23-foot-tall aluminum sculpture illuminated by projection and recessed lighting. Drawing inspiration from the significance of the Fox River in the development of the city, the sculpture’s kinetic and interconnecting forms will reinforce the theme of movement.

“I’m both humbled and thrilled to have been chosen as the sculptor for the WPS Foundation project,” Hutchison said. “I’m going to put everything I have into creating this new icon for Green Bay. Prepare to embark on new horizons!”

The new work of art is being made possible by a generous \$100,000 donation from the WPS Foundation, the energy company’s charitable giving organization. The Green Bay Public Arts Commission anticipates unveiling Hutchison’s sculpture this fall, providing an engaging, interactive piece that helps define Green Bay’s sense of place for visitors and community members.

The sculpture will be installed at the intersection of Washington Street and Northland Avenue, a prominent location in the city’s downtown area.

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Hutchison currently has pieces throughout the community, including “The Twig” on East Mason Street in Green Bay, “Lifelong” at Webster Elementary School, and “Blossom” located within the garden at Aurora BayCare Medical Center.

About Green Bay Public Arts Commission

The Green Bay Public Arts Commission is made up of community representatives, arts professionals, and city staff. The group exists to fund artistic activities and support cultural programs that integrate and advance arts and culture as an essential part of life in Green Bay.

About Wisconsin Public Service Foundation

Wisconsin Public Service Foundation is funded by the shareholders of WEC Energy Group, not by the customers of its utility subsidiaries, and is in its 54th year.

Since its inception, the foundation has provided more than \$33 million in contributions to programs that support work in the areas of arts and culture, community and neighborhood development, education, human services and health, and care for the environment. Learn more at www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/company/wpsfoundation.aspx.

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