#### STATE OF WISCONSIN

# BEFORE THE WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

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In the Matter of the Petition of	:	
LACROSSE CITY EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 180, BUILDING SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION		Case II No. 11116 ME-275
Involving Employes of	:	Decision No. 7833
CITY OF LACROSSE		

Appearances:

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<u>Mr. George Bigley</u>, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and <u>Mr. Arthur Schmidt</u>, President, for the Petitioner. <u>Mr. John Flannigen</u>, City Attorney, and <u>Bob D. Schroeder</u>, Director of Public Works, for the Municipal Employer.

# DIRECTION OF ELECTION

La Crosse City Employees, Local 180, Building Service Employees International Union, having petitioned the Wisconsin Employment Relations Board to conduct an election pursuant to Section 111.70 of the Wisconsin Statutes among certain employes of the City of La Crosse; and a hearing on said petition having been conducted at La Crosse, Wisconsin on November 25, 1966, Commissioner Zel S. Rice II being present; and the Board having considered the evidence and being satisfied that a question has arisen concerning the representation for certain employes of said Municipal Employer;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

### DIRECTED

That an election by secret ballot be conducted under the direction of the Wisconsin Employment Relations Board within sixty (60) days from the date of this Directive in the collective

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bargaining unit consisting of all employes of the City of La Crosse, excluding members of the Fire Department and Policemen, all craft and professional employes, supervisors and confidential employes, who were employed by City of La Crosse on December 1, 1966, except such employes as may prior to the election quit their employment or be discharged for cause for the purpose of determining whether a majority of such employes desire to be represented by La Crosse City Employees, Local 180, Building Service Employees International Union, for the purposes of conferences and negotiations with the City of La Crosse on questions of wages, hours and conditions of employment.

> Given under our hands and seal at the City of Madison, Wisconsin, this 2nd day of December, 1966.

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

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# MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING DIRECTION OF ELECTION

During the course of the hearing, the parties agreed to the composition of the appropriate collective bargaining unit as that described in the Direction. However, during the course of the hearing, an issue arose as to whether employes occupying the classification of Civil Engineer I are professional employes, and thus to be excluded from the unit because of such classification.  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

The City employs two engineering classifications - Civil Engineer I and Civil Engineer II. The Civil Engineer II position requires the incumbents thereof to perform, under supervision, difficult and responsible civil engineering and related work as required. The job descriptions sets forth, as desirable training, graduation from an accredited university or college with a major in civil engineering and at least one year of experience in the field of civil engineering. One of the two persons occupying the Civil Engineer II classification is a graduate civil engineer, while the remaining employe is not a graduate engineer, although he is a licensed land surveyor. The pay of the Civil Engineer II position ranges from \$575.00 to \$675.00 per month.

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The Civil Engineer I position, as indicated in the job description requires the person occupying that position to perform engineering work of a routine professional nature in the field of civil engineering and related work as required, all under supervision. Civil Engineers I act as chief of survey parties, lay out construction projects, prepare maps and drawings of the construction projects and do the physical inspection of projects. They are required to prepare estimates and specifications and issue inspection reports. The job description sets forth desirable prerequisites for the position as being graduation from an accredited university or college with a major in civil engineering. No experience in civil engineering is required. The pay of the Civil Engineer I ranges from \$525.00 to \$625.00 per month. The duties of the Civil Engineer I approximate the duties of the Civil Engineer II except that the duties of the latter position are more difficult. It is significant that the top of the pay range of the Civil Engineer I falls approximately in the midway point of the range of the Civil Engineer II.

It is the conclusion of the Board that the persons occupying the positions of Civil Engineer I and Civil Engineer II are professional, and under the Act professional employes cannot be included in any unit of employes other than those engaged in their own profession. Therefore, the persons occupying the Civil Engineer I and II positions are excluded from the unit in which the election has been directed, and as a result, they are not eligible to participate in said election.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 2nd day of December, 1966.

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WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD Morris Slavney, Chairman Commissioner