

Maritime Center gets OK from state commission

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The research vessel Sikuliaq rests in the Menominee River after being launched from the dock at the Marinette Marine Corp. shipyard in Marinette. / File/AP

MARINETTE — The Wisconsin Building Commission approved the Wisconsin Maritime Center for Excellence in Marinette.

Gov. Scott Walker's biennial state capital proposal released in March included \$5 million in funding for the maritime research, entrepreneurship and training facility in Marinette.

The project includes almost \$6.7 million in matching funds from the Marinette County Association for Business & Industry Inc., which has requested the state fund. The total project cost is estimated at \$11.7 million, according to the budget proposal.

The center is envisioned as a 23,715-square-foot facility jointly managed by the Marinette County Association for Business & Industry and local educational and industry partners.

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