



Spectrum News 1: Wisconsin manufacturers worry this tax credit could disappear in the budget process

As work continues to craft the next state budget, manufacturers across Wisconsin hope a tax credit they depend on doesn't disappear.

The Manufacturing and Agriculture Credit (MAC) passed the Legislature in 2011 as part of the budget package. However, some companies worry Gov. Tony Evers' spending plan would basically repeal their portion of that tax credit, causing a \$650 million tax increase on businesses across the state.

Similar to most businesses, Mark Mortensen started small. His Oregon-based powder coating company, All-Color Powder Coating, now has 65 employees and more than 80,000 square feet of factory.

"Over the years, we've used the [MAC] to increase wages, to hire additional people," Mortensen said. "We've bought new equipment and invested in new equipment to make us more competitive."

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