

## AN UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND UW-EXTENSION CONFERENCE CENTERS TO UW-MADISON



### BRINGING COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND UW-MADISON TOGETHER AGAIN

presents a tremendous opportunity to strengthen existing partnerships and develop new collaborations to serve Wisconsin residents. Similarly, transitioning UW-Extension Conference Centers to UW-Madison will help maintain access to UW System resources for lifelong learners from around the state.



This merger is a complex process that touches everything from hiring and billing to branding and websites. We have a team of experts working through issues in the following areas: Auxiliary Services, Communications, Facilities, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Volunteer Management. An Ad Hoc Governance Committee has been established to facilitate engagement with governance bodies.

A transition steering committee with members from UW-Madison, Cooperative Extension, and UW-Extension Conference Centers oversees the work of numerous working groups. Staff and faculty from all three organizations are working to resolve the complexities associated with such a significant transformation and are making good progress in all areas.

By July 1, 2018, we plan to transition the elements necessary to ensure the continuous delivery of services through Cooperative Extension and UW-Extension Conference Centers that people throughout Wisconsin have come to expect. After July 1, our teams will continue to work through any remaining issues identified as well as look for new ways to improve and integrate services and identify partnership opportunities for the benefit of citizens across the state.

