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President Hines, Aldermen Praise Governor Doyle and Mayor Barrett for Bringing Talgo to Tower

This morning, Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett announced that Spanish train manufacturer Talgo will base its North American operations at the former site of Tower Automotive, a city-owned future commercial and industrial area now called "Century City."

"Clearly, Governor Doyle and Mayor Barrett have a plan for cultivating long-term, sustainable employment opportunities in Milwaukee," said President Willie L. Hines, Jr. "Their economic development teams have worked in tandem to attract 21st Century manufacturing jobs to a city that takes great pride in its tradition of high-quality manufacturing. I also want to especially thank Alderman Wade and Alderman Hamilton for their leadership in securing the former Tower Automotive site for potential projects like this."

Alderman Robert J. Bauman, chair of the Public Works Committee, said that the announcement represents a "coming home" celebration of sorts for Talgo. "Talgo's first production train cars were built in the United States by American Car & Foundry in 1949," he noted. "The name is actually an English acronym: train, articulated, light, Goicoechea and Oriol – the last two being the names of the inventor/founder and financier. Talgo is now one of the premier train manufacturers in the world, and we are thrilled that Milwaukee has been chosen to spearhead this renewed national investment in public transportation."

The Century City site includes parts of two aldermanic districts, represented by Willie C. Wade and Ashanti Hamilton. "We made a commitment to bringing jobs back to the central city, and that's what we've managed to do by partnering with Governor Doyle and his staff at the state level," said Alderman Hamilton.