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## **President Hines: the Mayor's Focus on Jobs is Appropriate**

Mayor Barrett presented his State of the City address today in the Menomonee Valley at Ingeteam, a company that supplies products for green solar and wind energy industries. Based in Spain, Ingeteam chose Milwaukee for its first plant location in the U.S.

The Mayor and those that helped bring Ingeteam to Milwaukee deserve our thanks, as the plant provides family-supporting jobs for our residents.

The Mayor also highlighted the projects that are making Milwaukee a great city, including development in the Menomonee Valley, Century City, the Reed Street Yards, and the 30th Street Corridor. He also rightly identified the many challenges that we face, with the need for more jobs as being his greatest concern. I agree, and I look forward to continuing to lead the Common Council in partnership with the Mayor to address job creation and reducing the unemployment rate in our city.

Specifically, the unemployment crisis in the African American community must be addressed with increased vigor and action, and the Council and the Mayor must make attacking this problem a priority of the highest order. The crisis (and what is causing it) threatens the very future economic viability of our great city.