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- Good morning, and welcome to Kalamazoo. On behalf of all of my colleagues at the University, let me say how happy we are to have you here with us and how proud we are to have the opportunity to show you what is happening on the campus of Western Michigan University.
- You would be hard-pressed to find a campus anywhere that has the level of appreciation our University has for facilities management professionals. We value and rely on our facilities management staff because we fully understand how critical they are to:
 - Student recruitment and student success,
 - Faculty and staff morale,
 - Energy efficiency,
 - Sustainability, and
 - Wise use of our campus resources.
- As we move through tough financial times and as all of us in higher education work hard to show that we are using tuition and tax funding wisely, the success of our facilities management staffs is critical. That success provides some important metrics and accountability measures and reflects positively on our overall service and commitment to our students and all the other publics we serve.
- I'm not going to spend time--right now--bragging about the Western Michigan University's facilities management team, and they probably won't either. They'll let their work speak for itself as they invite you to see some initiatives and techniques

that will pique your interest and leave you asking for more information. I promise you'll be impressed, and I think you will join a long list of visitors who have become admirers.

- I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for what you do every day to make Michigan campuses the state and national treasure that they are. I have worked in higher education all over the nation, and I can tell you that what Michigan's campuses offer is unequalled. An important part of that quality level is in the superb physical facilities on our campuses as well as the professionals who keep those physical facilities in peak operating condition--you.

- Enjoy your stay in town, and take time to enjoy the company of your fellow professionals. And please return to Kalamazoo and visit us anytime. You are always welcome.

Thank you.

(three minutes)