



# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2011

## State of Wisconsin

### Amtrak-Wisconsin partnership

- *Hiawatha Service* – seven daily round trips, Milwaukee-Chicago
- Record *Hiawatha* ridership in Fiscal 2011
- Wisconsin plans to introduce new European-style Talgo equipment late in 2012

### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one long-distance train through Wisconsin, the *Empire Builder* (daily Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul-Seattle/Portland via Columbus, Portage, Wisconsin Dells, Tomah, and La Crosse), and the *Hiawatha Service*, with seven daily round-trips daily on the Milwaukee-Chicago corridor.

During FY11 Amtrak served the following Wisconsin locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Columbus</a>	15,473
<a href="#">La Crosse</a>	28,414
<a href="#">Milwaukee</a>	617,800
<a href="#">Milwaukee Airport</a>	162,825
<a href="#">Portage</a>	6,115
<a href="#">Sturtevant</a>	69,166
<a href="#">Tomah</a>	9,715
<a href="#">Wisconsin Dells</a>	14,265
<b>Total Wisconsin Station Usage:</b>	<b>923,773</b>

(up 3.0% from FY10)

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak placed orders valued at \$11,955,695 for goods and services in Wisconsin in FY11. Most of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fox Point	\$ 2,475,000
Glendale	\$ 3,701,041
Milwaukee	\$ 2,949,832
Oak Creek	\$ 1,690,744

## Employment

At the end of FY11, Amtrak employed 67 Wisconsin residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Wisconsin were \$4,637,153 during FY11.

## State-Assisted Services

The State of Wisconsin, in partnership with the State of Illinois, funds the operation of seven daily, round-trip *Hiawatha Service* trains between Milwaukee and Chicago. In FY11, *Hiawatha Service* ridership was 819,493, up 4.7% from 2010, and represents **all-time record** number of riders for the route.

## Equipment Modernization

Spanish railcar manufacturer Talgo is currently constructing two 14-car train sets for exclusive use on the *Hiawatha Service*. These high-speed, tilting train sets were purchased by Wisconsin Department of Transportation. As a result of this purchase, Talgo decided to manufacture the cars in Milwaukee. The cars are expected to be in regular service in 2012

## Station Improvements

- **ADA-compliance:** As part of Amtrak's ongoing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance program, mobile lifts were installed in Columbus, Portage, Wisconsin Dells, Tomah, and La Crosse to allow full accessibility to trains for mobility-impaired customers.
- **Tomah Improvements:** Tomah's historic station also received a new roof and was repainted by labor forces of the owner, Canadian Pacific Railway.