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## **Upcoming informational sessions to give Wisconsin companies details on how to bid for work during Foxconn construction**

*Representatives from construction management firm and WEDC to provide updates on opportunities available to construction-related business statewide*

**MADISON, WI. March 27, 2018** – Construction-related businesses looking for details on how to become vendors, subcontractors, suppliers or professional service providers during the construction phase of the Foxconn project in Racine County are invited to attend one of 12 informational sessions scheduled throughout the state in April.

Hosted by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), regional and county economic development organizations, and M+W|Gilbane, the professional construction manager on the project, the meetings are designed to assist construction-related companies in understanding the nature of the project and the procurement process.

At the meetings, construction-related businesses will receive information regarding the process for submitting bid proposals, standard terms and conditions related to the project, basic construction information, and a preliminary construction schedule for Phase One of Wisconsin Valley Science and Technology Park. Representatives from WEDC and M+W|Gilbane will be on hand to answer questions about the Foxconn project and the opportunities available to Wisconsin companies.

The location and dates for the first group of informational sessions are:

- **Tuesday, April 3:** Fountain Hall, 8505 Durand Avenue, Sturtevant. Co-hosted by the Racine County Economic Development Corporation.
- **Wednesday, April 4:** University of Wisconsin-Platteville - Harry & Laura Nohr Gallery, 1 University Plaza. Co-hosted by Prosperity Southwest.
- **Friday, April 6:** Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center, 800 Eisenhower Drive, Kimberly. Co-hosted by The New North.
- **Thursday, April 12:** Superior Government Center, 1316 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Superior. Co-hosted by Visions Northwest.
- **Monday, April 16:** Chippewa Valley Technical College – Energy Education Center, 4000 Campus Road, Eau Claire. Co-hosted by Momentum West.
- **Tuesday, April 17.** La Crosse Area Chamber Foundation, 601 7<sup>th</sup> St. N, La Crosse. Co-hosted by 7 Rivers Alliance.

The sessions are free but advance registration is required. For event times and to register, visit [wisconnvalley.wi.gov/Pages/General-Info-Sessions.aspx](http://wisconnvalley.wi.gov/Pages/General-Info-Sessions.aspx).

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Other informational sessions will take place in April in Eagle River, Janesville, Madison, Milwaukee, Superior, Wausau and Wisconsin Tribal Nations. Details on those meetings will be announced soon.

“Foxconn is expected to spend more than \$5 billion during the four-year construction period, which will provide excellent opportunities for businesses in every region of Wisconsin,” said Mark R. Hogan, secretary and CEO of WEDC. “We look forward to joining M+W|Gilbane in giving companies firsthand information about what Foxconn’s historic investment in Wisconsin may mean to them.”

To ensure a fair and open process, construction-related companies seeking to bid on work related to the construction phase are asked to complete the following steps to be considered for such opportunities:

- Register with M+W|Gilbane to receive automatic bid alerts and notifications on upcoming pre-bid and matchmaking sessions. A link to the registration website can be found on the Wisconsin Valley Science & Technology Park website at [wisconnvalley.wi.gov](http://wisconnvalley.wi.gov).
- Attend one of the 12 informational sessions being held throughout the state. Companies also are urged to sign up for the Wisconsin Valley News e-newsletter to get the latest information on project status, road updates and more. Sign up at [wisconnvalley.wi.gov/newsletter](http://wisconnvalley.wi.gov/newsletter).
- Attend a pre-bid and matchmaking session that will outline a clear and detailed process with good faith efforts to place “Wisconsin First” while building significant capacity in both workforce and businesses. Companies that register with M+W|Gilbane will receive notifications on upcoming pre-bid and matchmaking sessions.

Foxconn plans to build an at least 1,000-acre advanced display manufacturing campus that is expected to support about 10,000 direct construction jobs and 6,000 indirect jobs annually during the construction phase. Once the campus is fully operational, Foxconn will create up to 13,000 permanent family-supporting jobs, thousands of indirect jobs, and spend an estimated \$1.4 billion annually on goods and services from Wisconsin companies.

The campus will also serve as a science and technology park to promote research and development in advanced technologies in areas such as artificial intelligence, Big Data, the Internet of Things and robotics.

Work on the project is expected to begin in 60 days and will include site work, material procurement and temporary logistics preparation.

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