

Gov. Walker: Highlights Wisconsin's economic growth at La Crosse area development corporation's annual meeting

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LA CROSSE - Governor Scott Walker attended the La Crosse Area Development Corporations 46th Annual Meeting in La Crosse today, where he discussed economic growth and job creation. Wisconsin ranks 2nd in the nation and 1st in the Midwest for year-over-year manufacturing job.

"As a result of our highly-skilled workforce and pro-business climate, Wisconsin is attracting businesses from across the country and the world to invest in our state, expand our economy, and create family-supporting jobs," said Governor Walker. "We've created over 42,000 private-sector jobs in the last year alone, and our unemployment rate is at its best level in nearly twenty years. That kind of engagement is driving economic growth throughout our state, and the developments here in the La Crosse area are a prime example of that phenomenal growth in action."

The La Crosse region has been the site of numerous significant economic development projects in 2017. DuraTech, a custom label printing service provider, announced plans in April for a \$7.5 million facility expansion projected to create at least 50 jobs. Dynamic Recycling announced its fifth expansion in ten years in August, investing \$20 million and creating 153 new jobs in the area. In November, Kwik Trip unveiled plans for a \$300 million investment including the construction of a new bakery and augmentation of existing production and distribution facilities, resulting in 300 new jobs.

The La Crosse Area Development Corporation facilitates and promotes economic advancement in the Greater La Crosse Area through the attraction of industry, the retention of business and industry, and the management of the Coulee Region Business Center. The Corporation also works with a variety of local partner organizations to provide and assist with entrepreneurial training, business planning, capital resources, grants, financing, market research, site selection and access to networking and mentors.