

Gov. Walker: Announces process for Wisconsin companies to bid on work related to Foxconn construction

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State's Wisconn Valley website now includes details on how to connect potential subcontractors, vendors, suppliers to Construction Manager

MADISON—Wisconsin companies seeking to provide goods and services during the construction of the Foxconn Technology Group's \$10 billion advanced manufacturing campus in Racine County can now take the first step in the procurement process by visiting WisconnValley.wi.gov.

"Construction of the Foxconn campus is expected to create more than 16,000 direct and indirect jobs over the next four years, and it's estimated that more than \$5 billion will be spent on construction and equipment from businesses in every region of Wisconsin during that time," said Governor Walker. "This is an example of the many ripple effects we will see as a result of Foxconn's historic investment in Wisconsin. I strongly encourage companies to visit Wisconnvalley.wi.gov to learn more about becoming a subcontractor, supplier, vendor or professional services provider during the construction phase."

Foxconn on Tuesday announced that it had selected M+W | Gilbane as the lead Construction Management firm with Jacobs and The Sigma Group as lead engineering consultants for the Foxconn campus in Mount Pleasant. Work on the project is expected to begin in 60 days and will include site work, material procurement, and temporary logistics preparation.

Companies visiting the website will get specific instructions on how to register with M+W | Gilbane and start the process for bidding on work associated with the construction phase.

Businesses will be able to learn more about the opportunities available during the construction phase at a series of informational sessions that will be held around the state in coming weeks. The sessions, hosted by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, in partnership with M+W | Gilbane and the state's regional economic development organizations, will provide potential subcontractors, suppliers, and vendors with details on how they may be able to support the Foxconn construction project.

The first meeting will be held in Racine County on April 3, and more informational sessions will be held in Appleton, Eagle River, Eau Claire, Janesville, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Platteville, Superior, Wausau and Wisconsin Tribal Nations. Details on the meetings will be announced soon.

Foxconn plans to build an at least 1,000-acre manufacturing campus that will create up to 13,000 jobs once fully operational. The company estimates it will spend about \$1.4 billion annually on goods and services from Wisconsin companies once the facility is operational.

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.

Anyone seeking to get regular updates on the Foxconn project is also invited to sign up for the Wisconsin Valley News e-newsletter. To subscribe, visit WisconsinValley.wi.gov/newsletter.