

Gov. Walker: Celebrates broadband growth in Wisconsin

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Participates in Wisconsin Independent Network's Ribbon Cutting

EAU CLAIRE – Governor Scott Walker celebrated Wisconsin's continued growth in broadband access today at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Wisconsin Independent Network's (WIN) new headquarters in Eau Claire. WIN purchased, renovated, and moved into a 31,000 square-foot building in an effort to expand employment opportunities and create a more collaborative office space.

“Wisconsin Independent Network is opening the door for opportunities for Wisconsinites to gain critical access to broadband and information while also creating jobs in our communities,” said Governor Walker. “WIN's new expansion will help enhance our historic investment into broadband since taking office.”

WIN is a privately-owned fiber optic network, data center, internet, and IT service provider in the Eau Claire area. The company has grown from one employee to more than 120 working in the Chippewa Valley. The new facility is the former Glob University building in southern Eau Claire. This building will become the company's new headquarters.

“WIN's success is based on our focus on providing a differentiated customer service experience while supporting rural broadband providers and business networking solutions in Wisconsin and beyond,” said CEO Scott Hoffman. “We have a business culture that's constantly growing and improving as we expand our footprint into other parts of the Midwest to become a premier provider of telecommunications and IT services.”

Governor Walker has invested substantially into broadband because of the tremendous impact broadband access has in creating jobs and overall quality of life. In Governor Walker's last budget, he invested a historic \$35.5 million into broadband access.