

Rep. Kitchens: Statement on Foxconn CEO Terry Gou's announcement of opening a new innovation center in northeastern Wisconsin

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Madison – State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement regarding Foxconn CEO Terry Gou's announcement of the purchase of a six-story building in downtown Green Bay to be the site of a new Innovation Center that will focus on research and development:

"I am thrilled about the announcement that Foxconn will be coming to Northeast Wisconsin. Foxconn's new Innovation Center will create at least 200 new jobs in the high technology field and produce numerous additional benefits to the local economy.

"This facility is the latest step in the revitalization of the business climate of Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin. Coupled with the building of a 55,000 square foot Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Center at UWGB and the creation of a College of Engineering, our area is well positioned to develop, attract and retain the young talent we will need going into the future. This facility will significantly contribute to Green Bay's position as a vibrant and attractive destination for young people and a center for expanding technology advancement.

"Since Foxconn CEO Terry Gou announced the company would call Wisconsin home

by building a \$10 billion dollar electronics manufacturing campus in Mount Pleasant, WI, they have continually exceeded expectations and made clear their objective to have a long-term presence in Wisconsin. The new Innovation Center, together with the planned North American Headquarters in Milwaukee, demonstrate a commitment to our entire state. This announcement emphatically demonstrates that the positive economic impact of Foxconn will not be confined to Southeast Wisconsin, but will be felt throughout Wisconsin.”