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Southeast Wisconsin companies invited to informational sessions on how to bid for work during Foxconn construction
Representatives from construction management firm and WEDC to provide update Aug. 1 in at two meetings in Sturtevant

JULY 20, 2018 — A second round of informational sessions are being held in Sturtevant for construction-related companies in southeast Wisconsin that want to learn more about becoming a vendor, subcontractor, supplier or professional service provider for the Foxconn project in Racine County.

Hosted by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), Gilbane Building Company and M+W Group, the two sessions will take place at Gateway Technical College's SC Johnson iMET Center, 2320 Renaissance Blvd., Sturtevant, on Aug. 1.

For the first session, registration is from 11:30 a.m. to noon, followed by the informational session from noon to 1:30 p.m. For the second session, registration is from 2:30 to 3 p.m., followed by the information session from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

An update on the construction schedule with a focus on the next 12 months and a detailed timeline for the next anticipated round of bidding will be provided. Representatives also will explain how the project is being broken down into smaller segments to allow smaller companies opportunities to participate as part of the "Wisconsin First" approach.

Representatives from WEDC, Gilbane Building Company, and M+W Group will be on hand to answer questions about the project and the opportunities available to Wisconsin companies. The sessions are free, but advance registration is required. Registration information is available at wisconnvalley.wi.gov.

The information sessions are open to all businesses, though they are specifically aimed at companies providing goods and services in construction logistics, roadways, site utilities, foundations, structure, enclosure, mechanical, electrical, plumbing systems, materials and equipment.

"We want to ensure Wisconsin businesses are able to take advantage of the opportunities that Foxconn's historic investment creates," said Mark R. Hogan, secretary and CEO of WEDC. "These information sessions will provide companies with the details they need to successfully bid for coming contracts."

"The Foxconn project is providing tremendous new opportunities for Racine County businesses," said Jenny Trick, executive director of the Racine County Economic Development Corporation. "These two sessions will help ensure that Racine County businesses are connected with the information they need to benefit from this transformational development."

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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 Gilbane Building Company and M+W Group 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 Wisconn Valley Science & Technology Park website at wisconnvalley.wi.gov.
- Registration is required to bid on construction projects. Gilbane Building Company and M+W Group ask that all who are interested in bid opportunities follow the process and please refrain from calling.
- Attend an upcoming informational session. Companies also are urged to sign up for the Wisconn Valley News e-newsletter to get the latest information on project status, road updates and more. Sign up at wisconnvalley.wi.gov/newsletter.
- Attend a pre-bid/matchmaking session that will outline a clear and detailed process with good faith efforts to place “Wisconsin First.” Companies that register with Gilbane Building Company and M+W Group will receive notifications on upcoming pre-bid/matchmaking sessions.

Foxconn’s advanced manufacturing campus in Mount Pleasant is expected to create up to 13,000 jobs, as well as thousands of construction jobs. Once the Wisconn Valley Science & Technology Park is fully operational, Foxconn is expected to make \$4.26 billion in supplier purchases annually, with roughly one-third being sourced from Wisconsin. The project is expected to have at least a \$7 billion annual economic impact on the state and to generate between \$116 million and \$157 million in state tax revenue annually once fully operational.

Wisconsin is already noticing the ripple effect Foxconn’s “Wisconsin First” approach is creating throughout the state. Foxconn awarded more than 20 contracts for initial site excavation work and an additional eight contracts for construction of a multipurpose building to Wisconsin-based subcontractors for work on the site of the Wisconn Valley Science & Technology Park.

The “Wisconsin First” approach aims for 60 percent of subcontracting to be executed by Wisconsin-based companies, with 10 percent of that from Racine County-based businesses. This approach also prioritizes veteran-owned, women-owned, minority-owned, and/or disadvantaged business enterprises in the project—estimated to have at least 10 percent of subcontractors in this category.

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