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## **FIRST VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON FOXCONN SITE**

*Following the start of site preparation activity in April, vertical construction is now underway on the Multipurpose Building in Area I of the Foxconn Project Site*

**MOUNT PLEASANT, WIS.** – Less than one year after the Village of Mount Pleasant and Racine County were named as the future home of Foxconn, local officials and representatives from M+W | Gilbane celebrated the start of vertical construction on the project site as construction crews began lifting 35-foot tall, pre-fabricated panels into place. The panels – 120 in total – are being installed to create the main structure of the Multipurpose Building in Area I of the Foxconn Project Site.

“Today marks yet another major milestone as the first vertical construction begins on the Foxconn project site,” said County Executive Jonathan Delagrave. “Looking around at the companies and people working on this site, you quickly see the statewide impact of this effort. This project represents new jobs and new careers, and we are excited to continue building our community, just as Foxconn continues to build its campus.”

The start of vertical construction on the Multipurpose Building marks a significant milestone for the Foxconn project. The 120,000-square foot building is scheduled to be complete in Winter 2018/2019. This will be the first of many buildings on what is becoming the Wisconn Valley Science and Technology Park. Foxconn and M+W | Gilbane have previously announced that all of the contractors selected for work on the Multipurpose Building have Wisconsin operations.

“With the start of vertical construction on the Multipurpose Building, we are seeing the next step in a multi-phase, unprecedented project,” said Adam Jelen, Senior Vice President, Gilbane Building Company. “We continue to proceed with the project in a carefully planned way that enables us to maintain our Wisconsin First commitment, maximizing the opportunities for Wisconsin businesses and residents.”

In October 2017, the Village of Mount Pleasant was announced as the future home of Foxconn. Since that time, a remarkable amount of progress has been made, both on the state and local levels. Public infrastructure work around the site – including installation of new water, sewer and roads – is well under way. M+W | Gilbane, which began site preparation work in April 2018 has completed more than half of the necessary excavation and storm water management work for Phase 1 of the project and remains on schedule.

“The start of vertical construction on this \$10 billion investment in the Village of Mount Pleasant is a major milestone for the project and our community,” said David DeGroot, President of the Village of Mount Pleasant. “It is a tangible sign of the hard work and collaboration that has gone into this project at all levels of government over the past year, and it is truly a cause for celebration.”

### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

Foxconn is investing an estimated \$10 billion in Mount Pleasant, in the heart of Racine County, Wisconsin to create North America's first liquid crystal display (LCD) manufacturing facility. The Foxconn advanced manufacturing campus will be the largest manufacturing campus in the state and one of the largest foreign-direct investments in U.S. history. It is expected to employ 13,000 people with an average salary of \$53,000. The investment represents the return of electronics manufacturing to the U.S. from Asia. Foxconn's investment will change the economic landscape in Racine County and Wisconsin and will establish the state as the electronics manufacturing capital of North America. To learn more about the Racine County Foxconn project, visit <http://www.FoxconnRacineCounty.com>.

### **ABOUT RACINE COUNTY**

Racine County is located on the shores of Lake Michigan, conveniently situated between Milwaukee and Chicago. The county boasts lakefront beaches and gently rolling hills, vibrant urban areas and peaceful rural retreats. World-renowned businesses like SC Johnson, Twin Disc, Runzheimer, and InSinkErator; first-class amenities like Reefpoint Marina, Racine Zoo, and Racine Art Museum; and nearly 200,000 diverse and welcoming residents all call Racine County home. From Burlington to the City of Racine, and the 15 communities in between, Racine County has something to offer everyone. Learn more at [www.RacineCounty.com](http://www.RacineCounty.com).

### **ABOUT THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PLEASANT**

The Village of Mount Pleasant is a community that prides itself in one of its greatest assets - location. Comprising of 36 square miles in Eastern Racine County, Mount Pleasant is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Wisconsin. Stretching from Lake Michigan to Interstate 94, their location provides easy access to metropolitan Milwaukee and Chicago, including Mitchell International Airport just minutes to the north. Mount Pleasant also offers a wide variety of business opportunities. Numerous local, national, and international companies call Mount Pleasant home, including Putzmeister, Case New Holland, SC Johnson, Seda International Packaging, Badger Meter, and many others. Companies are also consistently expressing interest in the community and the area as a whole. This interest in development, despite the economic conditions both nationally and worldwide, has allowed the Village to see consistent growth providing additional jobs and amenities for residents. Learn more at <http://www.mtpleasantwi.gov/>.

### **ABOUT RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) and its partners provide Racine County Wisconsin businesses with almost every service needed to complete an expansion, relocation, financing, or workforce development project. RCEDC's dedicated staff is committed to meeting the needs of Racine County businesses and companies interested in expanding or locating in the Chicago-Milwaukee Corridor. To learn more, visit: <http://www.rcedc.org>.

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