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WPS and We Energies President Kevin Fletcher opens the Green Bay Training Center by cutting a ceremonial ribbon this morning. The northeast Wisconsin facility will be used by both energy companies.

WPS, We Energies strengthen commitment to employees, customers with opening of Green Bay Training Center

Facility will enhance each company's ability to provide safe, efficient service to customers

Ashwaubenon, Wis. – As part of a shared commitment to providing outstanding service through a highly skilled workforce, Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) and We Energies officially opened the 31,000-square-foot Green Bay Training Center Thursday morning.

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The unveiling of the center is a first for WPS, as it provides field operations employees with a facility dedicated to helping them work safely and efficiently. It also provides We Energies field employees in the Fox Valley and Michigan's Upper Peninsula greater access to skills-development courses near their home work areas.

"The Green Bay Training Center represents our dedication to working safely and to providing world-class customer service each day," said Kevin Fletcher, president – We Energies and WPS. "Building this facility will improve our employees' ability to successfully perform their jobs, which benefits our customers and communities throughout Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula."

The center's indoor and outdoor training areas, lab space and classrooms will allow field operations employees from both energy companies to learn current industry techniques and best practices, regardless of weather conditions. Energy Estates, a 14,000-square-foot outdoor training area, allows natural gas and electric distribution workers to hone their skills on duties such as natural gas pipe construction, leak investigation and electric facility maintenance.

Accompanying Energy Estates is the 11,000-square foot Electric Operations Training (EOT) Lab, an indoor area featuring authentic utility poles, overhead wires, underground cables and meter bases. The EOT's catwalk allows training instructors to easily observe and communicate with employees during overhead skills-development exercises.

Complementing the large training spaces are three natural gas lab areas and four classrooms that will help employees learn foundational skills or focus on smaller energy system components. An outdoor utility pole area and excavation fields will be installed this fall.

"This is truly a milestone for We Energies and WPS," said Virginia Roback, manager of work methods and development – WPS and We Energies. "The Green Bay Training Center will greatly increase the training courses we can provide, helping to prepare our lineworkers and natural gas mechanics for a wide range of work conditions."

In addition to helping employees succeed, the center demonstrates a continued commitment by WPS and We Energies to support the northeast Wisconsin region. The Boldt Co. of Appleton constructed the center, with approximately 150 workers participating in the building of the facility.

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Construction on the center began in June 2017 and was completed in July.

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