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Mayor Mason and Foxconn Announce Innovation Center in Racine *Foxconn to locate research hub in heart of Downtown Racine*

Racine – Mayor Cory Mason joined with Foxconn’s Alan Yeung and other state, county, higher education, and local officials to announce that Foxconn Technology group will open a “smart city” innovation center in downtown Racine. The innovation center will focus on working with community partners to research and develop innovative way to use technology to deliver city services using new, more efficient methods.

“Having Foxconn locate its innovation center in the heart of our downtown will be a game changer for the city. We know opportunity is coming to the area, and it is my job to make sure that those opportunities benefit as many of our residents as possible,” said Racine Mayor Cory Mason. “With Foxconn’s commitment to our community and with the quality of jobs it will bring to the city of Racine, I know this will spur additional growth and investment in our city.”

The 46,000-square-foot, three-story building at 1 Main St. along the Root River will become a state-of-the-art co-working space and a model for “smart city” pilot programs that reflect the transformational technologies created by the Wisconsin Valley Science and Technology Park. The Racine innovation center is expected to be home to at least 125 permanent jobs.

Located near Gateway Technical College, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Carthage College, Foxconn Place Racine and the Wisconsin Valley Innovation Center will connect Foxconn with institutions of higher education, businesses, local governments and the community to bring “smart city” research and development to the Racine area and beyond.

“Racine has always been a place where people come to innovate. I am thrilled to see what advances the innovation center can bring to Racine,” continued Mason.

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