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Foxconn exec Woo says subcontractors for \$10 billion plant nearly all from Wisconsin

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Foxconn Technology Group will announce in the next two to three days the subcontractors for the start of its planned \$10 billion project in Racine County, the company's second-ranking executive said.

At the same time, Foxconn will start construction in two to three days on the first phase of the project, which will cover 752 acres in Mount Pleasant, Louis Woo said Wednesday afternoon in Milwaukee. He said the first phase will require 500,000 person-hours of work.

"We will let people know in the next couple days who will be the winners (of contracts)," Woo said. "I'm very pleased to let you know that 90 percent of the winners are from the state of Wisconsin."

In March, Foxconn announced that Gilbane Building Co. and M+W Group will be the lead contractors on its Mount Pleasant manufacturing campus. CH2M Cos. Ltd., which recently became a subsidiary of Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., will lead engineering and architecture services. The Sigma Group, a Milwaukee firm that has been doing some work on behalf of the village of Mount Pleasant, will do environmental consulting and planning for Foxconn's site.

Woo participated in a panel that also included U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-Wis.) and [Job Creators Network CEO Alfredo Ortiz](#) at an event hosted by America First Policies at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. Vice President

Mike Pence and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker appeared on the stage after the panel that included Woo.

Woo received a polite standing ovation when he was introduced to an audience of a few hundred invitees. The topic was the federal tax cuts and what America First views as the positive impact on the economy and American workers.

Woo credited the policies of both Walker and President [Donald Trump](#) with his company's decision to locate in southeast Wisconsin.

"No question the last 30 years we have been always thinking about how and when to make our operations in America more meaningful and making more contributions to the American economy," Woo said. "There is no doubt the pro-business (Trump) administration is one of the major reasons we are here."

Foxconn representatives have praised Walker from the get-go for his role in attracting the company to the state. Woo repeated that sentiment Wednesday.

"I don't think I would be sitting here today — I don't think you guys would be giving us a standing ovation," Woo said. "So we owe it to Governor Walker."

Woo noted that Walker met Foxconn chairman Terry Gou for the first time about one year ago April 28, 2017 at the White House.