WISCORC: Building from Central Wisconsin's powerful economic engine of timber and agricultural processing













The Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Cellulosic Operations, Research and Commercialization (WISCORC) Center will bring together academics, industry representatives, and entrepreneurs in a dynamic, problem-solving environment to:

Provide direct assistance to existing pulp, paper, feed, and food processing industries with:

- Developing and adapting new bio-based technologies and products
- Achieving greater efficiencies and profitability through sustainable practices
- Connecting industry R&D with university research to accelerate the commercialization of new discoveries and patents
- Providing state-of-art equipment to conduct industry research or contract research services with others at WISCORC

Enhance the existing biomass supply chain and workforce by:

- Accelerating research on new uses for existing biomass including energy, plastics, textiles, chemicals, and food additives and products
- Partnering with existing workforce development organizations to provide current and cutting-edge biomass processing and technology skill training

Accelerate and attract innovative biomass entrepreneurs and businesses by providing:

- Dynamic, well-equipped makerspace with supporting IT
- Affordable access to laboratory and testing equipment
- Connections to industry and university R&D experts
- Partnerships with entrepreneurs and business assistance expertise
- Direct access to on-site, earlystage investors

NORTHWOODS TIMBER Source of tourism, biomass, and mineral resources Port Edwards is located at the convergence of three economic mega-regions

Port Edwards

AMERICA'S BREADBASKET Largest, most technologically advanced agricultural systems GREAT LAKES BASIN World's largest supply of fresh water **About WISCORC:** a creative commons where tinkerers, academics, entrepreneurs, and industry professionals can foster each other's work in a picturesque, riverfront setting.

WISCORC will serve as an anchor to the new Central Wisconsin Applied Research and Business Park located on a 190-acre, former paper mill site. The Center will be located in a former R&D and administrative building overlooking the Wisconsin River with office, lab, and flex space available to tenants at the Center as well as to the other businesses located in the Park.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation has provided seed funding of \$100,000 to formalize the operating partnerships and prepare a business plan, with Phase I projected to open in 2016.



WISCORC is located in the Central Wisconsin Applied Research & Business Park in Port Edwards, Wisconsin

Potential Project Partners:

- Centergy
- Incourage Foundation
- University of Wisconsin -Stevens Point
- WEDC
- Alexander
 Foundation
- Paper, Pulp, and Ag-Processing Industry Groups

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