

Lake Superior Technology Park Development

The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request:

- **That the Wisconsin Department of Commerce provide assistance to the entities involved in the development of a proposed Lake Superior Technology Park to be located in northwest Wisconsin in the City of Ashland.**

A feasibility study has been prepared that supports the development of a Lake Superior Technology Park in Ashland. The planned park would provide a place for technology-based businesses to commercialize their research and innovations. The proposed Technology Park could provide a link between the UW-Madison University Research Park in Madison and the Lake Superior Region, and foster the "Wisconsin Idea," which states, "The boundaries of the University are the boundaries of the State."

The Technology Park would serve as an engine to provide the Lake Superior Region with quality, 21st century jobs that would help in developing and enhancing the regional economy.

Infrastructure availability, workforce development and educational institutions would be key parts of the Technology Park, along with networking for financing and business development. The proposed park could serve as a catalyst for economic growth and development in an economically challenged part of the state.

The park has the potential to grow from one building to a total of 14 buildings and employing up to 840 people with quality jobs over the next 20 years.

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