

Lumen helps innovative City of West Des Moines RecPlex merge tech, sports

Jan. 5, 2021 – The recently constructed 300,000-square foot MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex integrates innovative technology into its design to support and enhance a variety of athletic and recreational activities—including Esports. The city of West Des Moines, Iowa, selected [Lumen Technologies](https://www.lumen.com) (NYSE: LUMN) to provide network services, including Local Area Network, Wi-Fi and voice solutions, to power their state-of-the-art facility.

- **What's the news:** Operated by the city of West Des Moines, a new indoor athletic facility embraces tech to deliver a mix of activities across the 66-acre complex, including recreational and adaptive sports, educational programs, health clinic and a new Esports center.
- **Why it matters:** The MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex was built in response to citizen demand for a state-of-the-art athletic facility to meet the region's growing needs for year-round sports programs. The facility is expected to be an economic driver, accommodating community use as well as sports tourism.

"The scope and scale of the RecPlex required weaving together multiple campus networks and technologies to create a seamless visitor experience. Working with the city, we provided a mix of solutions that ride on our Lumen network to power patrons' experiences both on and off the field," said Sonia Ramsey, regional vice president of the Lumen state and local government and education market. "We're excited to help the city of West Des Moines build a unique and expansive venue that will help unlock new opportunities in the region."

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Secure, reliable and fast connections were necessary to help create the seamless experience required by the facility's diverse competition spaces, clinical facility, special event areas and Esports gaming PCs. The athletic facility fulfills a community need for event space as well as creates a home for the increasingly popular Esports segment.

"We've brought together a lot under one roof. While it's our goal to serve traditional sports, a connected campus helps open the door to new areas so we can serve the needs of even more athletes in our community," said Shayne Ratcliff, general manager for the MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex. "Ice rinks, outdoor synthetic turf, Esports, space for meetings and concerts—we have something for everyone. It's going to be a game-changer for the community."

The complex is now open to the public.

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