

Cisco deploys three college wireless nets

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The wireless-network boom on American college campuses continues, with Cisco deploying three more campus-wide wireless local area networks.

Cisco said Thursday it was setting up WLAN technology at Purdue, Wisconsin and William & Mary.

The Wisconsin campus is the largest of the three jobs, with some 2,200 access points planned to serve more than 41,000 students spread across 180 buildings and 933 acres. William & Mary and Purdue require about half as many access points.

The networks, which will accommodate faculty and staff as well, are aimed at making it easier for students who are showing up in ever increasing numbers with laptop computers they use in classrooms and libraries as well as in their housing units.

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