

## **Dr. Bill Foster**

## Physicist/ Congressman

Foster was born in 1955 in Madison, Wisconsin. He received his bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1976 and his Ph.D. in physics from Harvard University in

1983. The title of his doctoral dissertation is "An experimental limit on proton decay"

At age 19, Foster and his younger brother Fred started a business in their basement with \$500 from their parents. The company, Electronic Theatre Controls(ETC), now has over 650 employees worldwide and manufactures over half of the theater lighting equipment in the United States. Installations include Broadway shows, Rolling Stones tours, opera houses, Super Bowl halftime shows, and at schools, churches, and community centers around the world.

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