



Company set to become first in US to microchip employees



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RIVER FALLS, Wis. — A Wisconsin-based company says that its employees will soon become the first in the nation to have microchips implanted in their skin.

Three Square Market, a vending machine business, says the microchip would be implanted in the skin between a person's thumb and forefinger. The chips are roughly the same size as a single grain of rice.

"It's the next thing that's inevitably going to happen, and we want to be a part of it," Three Square Market CEO Todd Westby told [KSTP](#).

The ultimate goal is for the device to work as a form of payment in the company's break room, as well as to allow entry into the building and log onto their company computers.

"We'll come up, scan the item, we'll hit pay with a credit card, and it's asking to swipe my proximity payment now," Westby explained. "I'll hold my hand up, just like my cell phone, and it'll pay for my product."

Over 50 employees have already signed up to be implanted with the \$300 microchips. Three Square Market is set to pick up the bill for those who have volunteered to microchipped.

None of the company's employees will be required to get the microchip.