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APPLETON – **AT&T** is increasing its commitment to the Wisconsin and Midwest markets by adding 80 new positions at its downtown call center. The jobs have the potential to earn up to \$40,000 in the first year and will also carry medical benefits, dental coverage and paid vacation. The call center, which currently employs 200, handles both Wisconsin and Indiana customers. The new hires will assist customers with inquiries about AT&T's wireless phone service, its U-verse Internet protocol TV, and its high speed Internet and landline service.

APPLETON – **Grant Thornton** and **Menn Law** will each occupy part of a new, three-story, 48,000-square-foot office building currently under construction in Appleton's Northeast Business Park. Each floor of the structure contains roughly 16,000 square feet. The accounting firm will be occupying the third floor, while the law firm will be setting up its office on the first floor. The second floor is available for lease with an anticipated completion date of November 2007.

APPLETON – **Voith Paper** has received a \$245,000 loan from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to assist with an expansion project that will create 49 new jobs. The \$3.1 million investment includes the relocation of a product line from Massachusetts to Appleton. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce loan will help the firm equip its facility for the new line. The company is a world leader in the design, manufacture and sale of paper-making equipment.

BALDWIN – **Contour Plastics**, a custom injection molder, has broken ground on an addition that will double the size of its manufacturing space to a total of 91,000 square feet. The \$6.5 million project includes a two-story structure to also accommodate expanded offices and a new training room. New injection molding presses, clean room manufacturing spaces, and a new lab area, as well as space for continued growth, is being included in the project. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce will assist the expansion with \$250,000 in state technology zone tax credits. The firm plans to create up to 75 new jobs as a result of the expansion, which is being driven by the growth in the medical markets served by the company. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2007.

BELOIT – **Beloit College** has broken ground on a four-story, 116,000-square-foot science center. The \$36.5 million **Center for the Sciences** building is the college's largest construction project in the school's 161-year history. The facility, scheduled for a summer 2008 completion, will house 38 labs, 12 classrooms, and 43 staff offices. It will also be utilized by the Center for Language Studies during the summers.

BELOIT – **Kerry Group**, an Ireland-based world leader in food production, sales and marketing, is expanding its American headquarters. The \$45 million project will create 250 new jobs, many of which are research and development positions paying an average of \$52,000 annually. The **Kerry Americas** expansion will include a new Center of Excellence to conduct R&D. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is providing \$5.5 million to assist the project that includes \$2.5 million in loans and \$3 million in tax credits. Infrastructure improvements for the project are being funded by The City of Beloit (\$4.7 million) and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (\$500,000). The company employs 20,000 people worldwide with facilities in 140 countries.

BROOKFIELD – First Wisconsin Bank & Trust has moved its headquarters and hired additional staff with an expansion and move to 175 N. Patrick Boulevard. The 6,500-square-foot space quadruples the space at the bank's previous location. The company recently hired three employees and plans to hire three more in the next five months. Bank executives plan to build a new corporate headquarters within the next two to four years.

BROOKFIELD – Guhring Inc., a manufacturer of design cutting tools, has opened a new 60,000-square-foot manufacturing plant at 1505 Commerce Avenue. The added space will allow the company's reconditioning division to double its capacity, while effectively tripling the size of the firm's tooling division. The new facility will include a training center for sales representatives and workers to stay updated on new technologies and new cutting tools offered by the business. The company has invested over \$1.5 million in new grinding equipment for the expansion.

BROWN DEER – Metavante Corp., the former data processing arm of **Marshall & Ilsley Corp.**, plans to hire up to 40 people as it transitions to a separate, public company. The new positions will be in the areas of compliance and risk management, human resources, and finance. The company currently has about 5,500 employees and handles issues such as benefits management, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filings and regulatory compliance.

CLINTON – Midwest Biofuels has become the second plant in Wisconsin to produce biodiesel commercially and the first completely indoor biodiesel producer. The 6,000-square-foot facility, located at 125 Industrial Drive, is starting production with six employees and a future third shift will double that number. The plant will add fuel storage tanks in the future, but for now, it will produce only what it can immediately sell. The company hopes to produce 5 million gallons of fuel per year.

COLEMAN – R&A Manufacturing has plans to invest \$1 million to construct a building adjoining the company's current 15,000-square-foot facility. The firm is purchasing a 1-acre site in the Town of Pound and will petition to have the property annexed, rezoned and added to the village's TIF district. The business is an original equipment manufacturer that produces customized components and parts for large papermaking machinery, rock-crushing machinery and agricultural equipment. The expansion will add 10 positions to the company's workforce.

CROSS PLAINS – Allstate Corporation, the nation's largest publicly-held personal lines insurer, is establishing an Express claims office that will create more than 200 new jobs by 2008. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce will assist the project with up to \$750,000 in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits. The company is retrofitting the 35,500-square-foot former **Lands' End** call center building with new furniture and furnishings. The building will be equipped with state-of-the-art computer equipment, voice and data wiring, telephone system, and technical training room.

EDGERTON – Large Digital Format, a graphics company that produces large advertising pieces for vehicles, will be moving to the Edgerton business park this fall. The company is putting up a new 15,000-square-foot building that is scheduled for a September completion. The business will be adding two to three people to its staff of 10. With most the firm's staff coming from Rock County and Madison, Edgerton was chosen as the preferred location.

FITCHBURG – Berbee Information Networks Corp. has received \$250,000 in Technology Zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to assist its \$1.9 million expansion project. The company is investing in equipment for a new data center that will create 28 jobs. The business also has plans to expand into a new, two-story, 44,000-square-foot office building on the Fitchburg Technology Campus. The technology firm provides a range of computer infrastructure consulting, hardware procurement, application development and telephone services for major corporations.

FORT ATKINSON – **Spacesaver Storage Systems Inc.** has received a five-year, \$129.4 million contract from the U.S. military to produce weapons cabinets and accessories for the Department of Defense. The contract could eventually net the company more than \$244.3 million if certain options are exercised. All the work under the agreement will be done in Fort Atkinson and will be completed by April 2012. The company is the leading North American manufacturer of high-density mobile storage systems for office, institutional and industrial applications. It is also a major supplier of steel shelving systems, rotary storage systems and storage accessories.

FORT ATKINSON – **The VyMac Corp.**, a manufacturer of Verlo mattresses, has restored the five-story, 100,000-square-foot, 85-year-old Creamery Building in the city. After the \$8 million renovation project, the company moved its executive and administrative staff into the fifth floor of the building. The **Verlo Mattress Factory Stores** franchise, a subsidiary of VyMac, has also moved into the Creamery Building's first floor.

FOX POINT – **Cornerstone Community Bank** plans to open its first new branch in nearly 15 years at 8607 North Port Washington Road. The 1,320-square-foot building will have a staff of three and is expected to open by August. The bank plans to lease the facility and spend \$30,000 on improvements and equipment.

FRANKLIN – **Central Aquatics**, a maker of aquariums, is consolidating a large part of its operations in the city and is adding 100 new jobs. The firm has reorganized space at its two Franklin locations and will close plants in Atlanta and Dallas. The company has completed a 10,000-square-foot, \$1.1 million expansion at its plant on West Oakwood Park Road. The project involved adding more office and lab space, as well as converting a loading dock to plant space and creation of more parking. The business also created more parking spaces at its other Franklin plant on South 60th Street.

GREEN BAY – **American Prosthetic Components, Inc.** will receive \$250,000 in Technology Zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to assist with their expansion. The company plans a \$4.24 million project that will add space, upgrade existing space and create 51 new jobs. The firm, established in October 2002, focuses on manufacturing, procurement, packaging, and resale of prosthetic components.

GREENVILLE – **Miller Electric Manufacturing Company** will receive \$1.2 million in tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce for a large expansion project. The \$5 million facility upgrade is expected to create 185 new jobs over the next five years, ranging from manufacturing positions to engineering and marketing positions. The company is a leading, worldwide manufacturer of Miller brand arc welding equipment and related systems for metalworking, construction, maintenance and other applications. The firm employs more than 1,300 in the Fox Cities.

HARTFORD – **Infinigy Engineering**, an integrated technical services company that designs, develops and integrates technical services for wireless infrastructures, is opening a new Midwest regional office. The Albany, New York-based firm was recognized last year by Inc. Magazine as one of the nation's fastest growing private businesses. The company will hire 10 to 12 engineers and project managers to staff the office.

JACKSON – **Germantown Iron & Steel**, a fabricator of structural steel building components, has broken ground on a new, 53,000-square-foot facility in the Northwest Passage Business Park. The project will create six new jobs and provide the company with a larger cafeteria and corporate meeting area, state-of-art manufacturing equipment and a more efficiently-designed work floor. The new location will be open in November 2007.

JANESVILLE – **Bliss Communications**, publisher of the **Janesville Gazette** and printer of several other newspapers, is nearing the completion of a new 54,000-square-foot printing facility on the city's far east side. The building, located at the corner of Wuthering Hills Drive and Capitol Circle on a 13-acre site, is expected to be in full production by the fourth quarter of 2007. The \$20 million+ project will include an \$8.1 million printing press, which is capable of producing 75,000 copies per hour with high-quality production.

JANESVILLE – **Gallina USA**, a designer and manufacturer of plastic glazing products, has invested \$3 million in a new plastic sheet extrusion machine. The equipment will allow the firm to offer a full-line of polycarbonate products to architects, designers and contractors throughout North America. The company also offers modular panel systems for roofing, insulated windows and side window systems, including all the necessary accessories.

JANESVILLE – **Helgesen Properties**, a full-service construction company and owner of properties for long-term leasing, is constructing a 250,000-square-foot speculative building for logistics and distribution companies in the city's south side Logistics Industrial Park. The \$7.5 million facility should be completed and ready for tenants by the fall of 2007. The city utilized tax increment financing to assist the project.

JANESVILLE – **Phylon, LLP** has broken ground on a new 26,250-square-foot manufacturing facility that will be utilized for the tooling divisions of Janesville-based Prent Corporation and Goex. Once completed, the facility will create up to 10 new jobs in the community.

JANESVILLE – **Tigre USA**, a newly formed corporation that manufactures plastic pipe fittings, has leased 36,000 square feet in the former **Janesville Products** building and will invest \$3.4 million in manufacturing machinery and equipment. The City of Janesville is providing assistance to renovate the facility and will help cover the cost of training 20 new employees. The firm's partner company, Tigre S.A., is a Brazilian manufacturer with 10 facilities in Latin America.

KENOSHA – **The Chrysler Group** will invest \$450 million to retool their 1.9-million-square-foot Kenosha Engine plant to prepare for the launch of a new family of fuel-efficient V-6 engines. The project will be assisted by a \$16.8 million incentive package. The package includes \$10 million in loans to aid in capital investment and upgrading of the facility's power infrastructure (\$7 million for the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, \$2 million from the City of Kenosha and \$1 million from Kenosha County); \$3 million in training assistance grants (\$1 million from Gateway Technical College and the remaining dollars from the Wisconsin Departments of Workforce Development and Commerce); and, \$3.8 million in assistance from the American Transmission Company and WE Energies to upgrade the electrical service to the plant. The new engines are scheduled to begin production in January 2011 and the plant will eventually have an annual production capacity of 400,000 units.

LANCASTER – **Woolwich Dairy USA**, Canada's leading and largest goat cheese producer, has broken ground on a new, 27,000-square-foot facility in the city's Arrow Ridge Business Park. The City of Lancaster will receive \$156,000 from the Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities and Economic Development program through the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to provide the infrastructure to support the project. The \$6 million investment will create 30 jobs and the company will be the first tenant of the 160-acre Arrow Ridge Business Park.

MADISON – **Marling Lumber**, one of the city's oldest businesses serving building contractors and commercial clients, is moving from the 1800 block of East Washington Avenue to The Center for Industry & Commerce office park property along State Highway 51 near the Dane County Regional Airport. The firm will locate on a nine-acre site with an option to purchase another three acres. **Marling Homeworks**, which features a showroom for windows, doors, cabinetry and countertops, will move to the new facility as well along with a warehouse and door shop.

MADISON – **Stemina Biomarker Discovery, Inc.** will receive \$1 million in state assistance to assist the firm in developing ways to help drug manufacturers screen drugs for harmful effects. The company is working with stem cell patents held by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation. The business is developing a library of biomarkers that allows researchers to discover toxins in the early stages of pharmaceutical development, which could save millions of dollars in drug development costs. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce has also certified the firm as a qualified new business venture, ensuring that prospective investors can earn Wisconsin income tax credits under Act 255.

MADISON – **Strand Associates**, a civil engineering firm, is adding 39,000 square feet to its headquarters. Along with the expansion project, the firm plans to hire 110 employees over the next five years. The business works on municipal projects, transportation projects, electrical and mechanical engineering, as well as environmental projects.

MEQUON AND MILWAUKEE – **HB Performance Systems** bicycle division plans to exceed \$50 million in annual revenue and add 30 jobs within the next 18 months. **Hayes Bicycle Group**, a division of HB Performance Systems, is implementing an integration plan after acquiring several bike component manufacturers over the past few years. The plan will consolidate all Hayes Bicycle Group businesses in the company's operations in Mequon and Milwaukee. The business traditionally made disc brakes but has now branched out to manufacture suspension forks, shocks, handle bars, stems, shoes, hubs and rims.

MIDDLETON – **Clifton Gunderson**, the country's 13th largest accounting firm, has signed a long-term lease for about one-fourth of the space in a new, \$12 million, six-story building that will be constructed along the West Beltline Highway. The **T. Wall Properties**-owned office building will include 130,000 square feet of class A space and 50 underground parking spots. The accounting business will lease 33,000 square feet in the building, allowing it to consolidate its three local offices and bring together a staff of over 100. The firm has offices in 15 states.

MIDDLETON – **Electronic Theatre Controls** plans to expand its headquarters through the addition of 80,000 square feet of manufacturing space and a larger parking lot. The maker of entertainment and architectural lighting equipment has seen a boom in business partially due to an increase in entertainment venue construction in some Middle Eastern and eastern European countries.

MILTON – **Freedom Graphics Systems, Inc.** is investing \$3.5 million in a new, 100,000-square-foot production, warehouse and office facility on a 15-acre site in the city's Eastside Industrial Park. The expansion will create at least 50 new jobs and will make this facility the largest of four that the firm operates. The company supplies state-of-the-art high volume printed/imaged products and complete letter shop operations to the direct mail market. The business currently employs 375 people with anticipated growth to 425 employees in the next two to three years.

MILWAUKEE – **Milwaukee developer Ann Pieper** has purchased the former **Everitt Knitting** building located at 234 W. Florida Street for \$1.9 million and plans to convert the factory into an office building. The 100,000-square-foot, six-story facility has been empty for more than three years. Pieper plans to assemble a number of small office spaces ranging in size from 1,000 to 5,000 square feet with short-term leases of three to five years.

MILWAUKEE – **Cascade Springs LLC**, a bottled water producer headquartered in Milwaukee, plans to open a new bottling facility in the city this summer. The plant will employ about 14 people and plans are for it to be operational by August. City officials are working with the firm to find a central city location to remodel and install the company's machinery, which will be transferred from an Arizona production facility.

MILWAUKEE – **CCI** will open a 2,200-square-foot data center later this summer in its facility in the Fifth Ward at 2156 South 4th Street. The data center will have a 10 Gigabit Ethernet backbone and will run 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The firm, a SAP solutions company, will create jobs for data center managers, Linux and Microsoft Windows administrators and SAP technology assistants with the expansion.

MILWAUKEE – **Kangaroo Brands Inc.** plans to expand a facility it bought last year at 8222 N. Granville Woods Road by adding 65,000 square feet to the current 16,000-square-foot building. The company, a maker of pita pocket bread, is expanding its pita chips production line with a \$6 million investment that will create 19 new jobs. The project is being financed by bonds sold through the city's Redevelopment Authority.

MILWAUKEE – **Medovations**, a manufacturer of needles, surgical catheters and liposuction tubes, plans to invest \$5 million to expand its north-side factory at 102 E. Keefe Avenue. The company plans to buy a city-owned lot adjacent to its existing property and build a 52,900-square-foot structure that will create 12 full-time jobs. The business, formed in 1982, currently has an 89,000-square-foot manufacturing and warehouse facility that employs 42.

MILWAUKEE – **Shekinah Printing and Design Inc.** will help anchor a new \$2.1 million retail and housing development in the central city. The company will occupy 1,800 square feet on the first floor of a two-story, 12,000-square-foot building planned for 2540-2556 North King Drive. The growing firm provides electronic copying and business consulting services. It was started in the founder's apartment six years ago.

MILWAUKEE – **The Bon-Ton Stores Inc.** has announced it will expand operations by building out additional offices in 42,000 square feet of space in the Reuss Federal Building at 310 W. Wisconsin Avenue. The firm's store operations division and merchandising organization will occupy the new space, which is directly across from the company's current office space. The department store retailer has added 100 new associates recently to support its expanded operations.

MILWAUKEE – **Virtual Care Provider, Inc.** has announced the completion of a \$5.5 million renovation to a building near 76th Street and Good Hope Road that has become its new VCPI Technology Center. The Center includes servers that provide data support for 1,600 long-term care and assisted-living companies throughout the U.S. The highly-secured information the company manages includes tens of thousands of medical administrative, financial and benefit records. The new 22,000-square-foot Center is being run by two new employees and 12 others from the firm's current 130-member data support team. This is the second Milwaukee location for the company.

MONONA – **Tuttle Lithography**, a printer specializing in high-end multi and 2-color printing of catalogs and inserts, has expanded its printing capability. The firm has purchased a new \$1.25 million press. With a maximum output of 15,000 sheets per hour, the machine will allow the company to print jobs requiring five colors.

MONROE – **Minhas Craft Brewery** is moving forward with a new, 24,000-square-foot warehouse expansion that is expected to create up to 15 new jobs. The brewer is also adding a new 24-ounce-can line to its production capabilities. The former Huber Brewery was purchased in 2006 by Ravinder Minhas of Calgary, AB, Canada. It now produces Huber, Mountain Creek, Berghoff, Rhineland, Wisconsin Club, and other beer labels, with much of its output exported to Canada. Construction on the expansion began in May 2007 with the new developments representing a \$1.1 million investment in the facilities.

MUSKEGO – **Stella & Chewy's**, a raw pet food manufacturer, has begun production in a 12,000-square-foot facility. The company, named after the owner's dogs, makes the food and then either freezes it or freeze dries it and then sells it to pet owners. The business has hired 15 people but is considering hiring more for a second shift at the plant. Wisconsin Business Development in Milwaukee provided a \$500,000 loan via the Small Business Administration to help with the project. The firm's sales have been boosted by the recent, widespread pet food recall and scare with some commercially-available foods.

NEW BERLIN – **FedEx SmartPost**, a subsidiary of **FedEx Ground**, plans to add as many as 50 jobs at its operations center due to continuing growth of online shopping. The firm serves catalog companies, online retailers and other businesses that ship large quantities of low-weight, less-time-sensitive materials to customers through the mail. Many of the positions are in IT and will pay in excess of \$50,000 annually.

NEW LONDON – **Sara Lee Corporation**, a Chicago-based global consumer products company with food, beverage, and household and body care businesses, is expanding. The business is investing \$6.9 million to install new production lines that will enhance the firm's capacity and competitiveness. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is assisting the project with \$240,000 in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits. The company has 38 locations within Wisconsin.

NEW RICHMOND – **Liquid Waste Technology**, the world leader in small, high-tech dredging equipment, has started construction of a new, 40,000-square-foot production facility. The plant will be located on a 15-acre site in the New Richmond Business & Technical Park. In April, the company received approval from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce for an Industrial Revenue Bond allocation to help finance the project. The firm will invest about \$5 million to build and equip the new location, which is scheduled for completion in January 2008.

OOSTBURG – **Dutchland Plastics Corp.** is undergoing a \$3 million, 88,000-square-foot expansion to its 79,000-square-foot facility at 54 Enterprise Court. The business also already has plans set for a \$5.3 million, 110,000-square-foot expansion to the same plant in 2010. The two-phase expansion project is expected to create more than 50 new jobs and it will be assisted via a \$7.5 million Industrial Revenue Bond allocation. The initial expansion project should be fully-operational by August of this year. The company does blow and rotational molding of more than 3,000 different plastic products.

PLATTEVILLE – **First Supply LLC** is nearing completion of its new wholesale plumbing supply distribution facility in the Platteville Industrial Park. The 10,500-square-foot building will provide increased convenience and service for local contractors and communities as a branch of the main Dubuque, Iowa operation. The operation will initially create three jobs and it is the first business to locate in the southern-most part of the Industrial Park.

PLEASANT PRAIRIE – **Sonopress**, one of the world's leading manufacturers of data and information carriers, will receive \$1,567,000 in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits to operate a distribution center in Lakeview Corporate Park. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce assistance will help the firm with the purchase of a 535,000-square-foot facility formerly operated by **Deluxe Media**. The new location will help the company expand its full-service integrated supply chain offering. The business expects to create at least 200 new jobs by 2009, due to its new Wisconsin presence.

PLEASANT PRAIRIE – **Wispark LLC** is developing a 502,000-square-foot warehouse/distribution building in its Lakeview Corporate Park on a 39-acre site. The facility, to be called Lakeview XI, is slated for a July 2007 completion. The firm is the commercial real estate subsidiary of Milwaukee-based Wisconsin Energy Corporation. Butler-based **Berghammer Construction Company** is the general contractor on the project.

PORT WASHINGTON – **Modern Equipment Co.** has purchased the former **Trak/Omniquip** facility and has moved its operations to the new location. The company had two separate buildings in the community, totaling around 90,000 square feet. The new location has more than 160,000 square feet and will provide room for growth for the foundry equipment manufacturer. The entire project, including moving expenses and the cost of new equipment, totals around \$1.6 million. The City of Port Washington and Ozaukee County are providing an \$800,000 loan from their Revolving Loan Fund to assist the project.

RACINE – **ThermaSys Corporation**, a manufacturer of highly-engineered copper, brass and aluminum heat exchangers and assemblies, is expanding. The company will receive \$125,000 in Community Development Zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to assist the project. The firm is investing over \$1.5 million in the purchase of new equipment and employee training. The expansion is expected to create 25 new jobs.

SHEBOYGAN – **J.L. French Automotive Castings Inc.** will receive a \$1.6 million loan from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to upgrade and expand its operations. The company manufactures die-cast aluminum auto parts, including oil pans, engine blocks, transmission housings and other auto parts for Ford, Chrysler and Mitsubishi. The total investment for the expansion is \$16 million and it is expected to create 100 new jobs. The business currently employs over 1,100 in the Sheboygan area. Since July 2006, the firm has invested \$28 million into its Wisconsin facilities.

SPARTA – **Triple R Industries, LLC** recently expanded its facilities and is currently investing over \$500,000 in state-of-the-art equipment. The company, a producer of machinery, equipment and metal products, will receive \$132,700 in Technology Zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to help with its project. The firm, established in 1995, will create 6 jobs via its expansion.

STEVENS POINT – **Joerns Healthcare**, a new business that had been part of the **Sunrise Medical Company**, has located its global headquarters in the city. The firm is a maker of institutional beds and furnishings that employs 500 worldwide and 280 in Stevens Point. The company has been adding 10 to 20 employees per year for the last five years. The business was spun off from Sunrise Medical in December 2006 in a management-led buyout backed by a private equity company.

SUPERIOR – **Genesis Attachments, LLC** has been awarded \$245,000 in technology zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to assist with an expansion. The project, originally slated to create 15 new jobs, has already created 20 high-paying positions with the firm. The company is a world leader in the design and manufacturing of attachments for the demolition, scrap processing and reconstruction industries.

THORP – **Thorp Equipment, Inc.**, a producer of stainless steel products for the agricultural industry, is receiving \$141,200 in Agricultural Development Zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to aid an expansion. The nearly \$400,000 project is expected to create 42 jobs. The firm, founded in 1981, also produces custom dairy parlors.

WAUKESHA – **Waukesha Memorial Hospital** will invest \$18 million in an expansion project. The hospital is adding 33,000 square feet to its facility, including about 18,000 square feet of lab space and 15,000 square feet of loading dock area. The firm will also be renovating 10,000 square feet. The whole project is slated for a June 2009 completion.

WAUWATOSA – **Zywave Inc.**, a provider of web-based software to insurance brokers and their clients, will be the anchor tenant in a new \$30 million office building being developed in the Milwaukee County Research Park. The 165,000-square-foot building, named the **Mayfair Woods Business and Technology Center**, is being built on 10.8 acres at 10700 Research Drive and is scheduled for a January 2008 completion. Zywave Inc. has agreed to lease 28,000 square feet in the building. **Trivantage Pharmacy Strategies**, a pharmacy benefits consulting firm, plans to lease about 7,000 square feet while **Irgens Development** will occupy around 20,000 square feet. The Wauwatosa City Council plans to provide up to \$3.5 million via tax increment financing to help pay for a 650-space, three-deck, \$5+ million parking structure.

WEST ALLIS – **Rogers Memorial Hospital** has broken ground on a 25,000-square-foot expansion that will add a new lobby area to the front of the hospital's building. The two-story addition will include access to a private admissions office, as well as a separate waiting area for visitors and vendors. More space will also be made available for office, administrative, conference and counseling areas. The project will increase the hospital's size by 50 percent.

WEST SALEM – **River Steel Inc.**, a family-run metal manufacturing business, is constructing a 50,000-square-foot facility that will create 34 new jobs. The expansion project, valued at nearly \$5.7 million, is being assisted by a \$150,000 Wisconsin Department of Commerce grant to the village from the Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities and Economic Development Program. Founded in 1954, the firm is a full-service steel fabricator and manufacturer supplying OEM components, structural fabrication, and other custom manufactured orders.

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