



# WISCONSIN'S GROWING – BUSINESS EXPANSION NEWS

## Second Quarter 2008

**ANTIGO — Merit Gear** is set to expand near Antigo Lake. The project, which has a price tag of about \$3.5 million, will add a 130 by 400 foot addition to the plant's south side. When completed, the 52,000-square-foot structure will house among the most sophisticated gear-grinding equipment in the world, allowing Merit Gear to move into areas of production involving, larger, heavier and more complex gears. The project will mean 36 or more additional employees over the next year. Merit is working with Northcentral Technical College on training programs and is also seeking workers with immediate machine experience.

**ALTOONA — Curt Manufacturing** is investing \$2.5 million in building and equipment improvements. The company is expanding and will add 33,000 square feet to its existing 140,000-square-foot facility. It will create 50 jobs by October 2010.

**APPLETON — Appleton Hydraulic Components** broke ground on a new 12,000-square-foot facility. The company reconditions and repairs pumps, valves and cylinders for hydraulic systems. When completed, Appleton Hydraulic Components will relocate from its current facility on Hickory Farm Lane in the Town of Grand Chute.

**APPLETON — Air Wisconsin Airlines Corp.**, a privately held regional air carrier in Appleton, said it will hire 700 new employees under an agreement to expand its ground-handling services for United Express, the regional service for United Airlines. The new hires will boost total employment at Air Wisconsin by 28 percent, from 2,500 employees to about 3,200. Air Wisconsin Airlines performs ground-handling services for United Express and Northwest Airlines. The airline's fleet of 70 regional jets operates as US Airways Express, flying nearly 500 departures per day to 69 cities in 26 states and two Canadian provinces.

**APPLETON — Flair Flexible Packaging** broke ground on a new 15,540-square-foot warehousing and packaging distribution facility. Flair Flexible Packaging is a fully integrated packaging solutions company. Some of the main products in the Appleton facility will be vacuum-sealed bags, rotisserie chicken bags and coffee bags. The company intends to employ 65 to 75 people.

**APPLETON — Great Northern** will receive \$160,000 in technology zone tax credits. The custom packing company plans to use the funds to buy custom-designed equipment that will increase production capabilities. The project is expected to cost \$1.37 million and create four new jobs.

**APPLETON — Time Warner Cable** broke ground in March on Phase II of a 30,000-square-foot Technical Operations Center. The new headquarters building will consolidate over 500 employees into one location and provide expansion room for as many as 400 additional positions. Last October, Time Warner started Phase I of its new Northern Wisconsin headquarters, a 100,000-square-foot office building.

**BAYFIELD (Town of) — World Class Precision Products**, a division of The World Class Manufacturing Group, held a dedication ceremony for the opening of their new plant. The company specializes in the manufacturing of precision metal machine components made primarily of steel and aluminum. The plant is located on five acres of the 77-acre newly developed Bayfield Industrial Park. It is the first business to be established at the industrial park. Manufacturing at the new 25,000-square-foot plant began in April with a heavy emphasis on manufacturing metal couplers. The plant is providing new jobs including office staff, tool makers, maintenance technicians, manufacturing/industrial engineers, CNC lathe and machining center machinists, set-up operators, and programmers. They plan on hiring 15-20 people.

**BLACK RIVER FALLS — D&S Manufacturing** announced a \$6.4 million expansion of its production facilities in Black River Falls. The 12-month project is slated to begin this summer. The resulting improvements will help contain costs and maximize the speed and efficiency of the manufacturing process while providing the framework for future growth. This includes a projected 33 percent increase in the company's workforce within the next four years. The expansion will increase production space by 50 percent.

**BRILLION — Professional Plating** received \$7 million in industrial revenue bonds. The metal finishing, assembly and logistical services company will use the funds to expand and equip its Brillion plant and to purchase a new barrel plating line. The total project is expected to cost \$8.3 million and will create 32 jobs.

**BRODHEAD — Kuhn North America, Inc.** has announced the construction of expanded office and manufacturing facilities at its North American headquarters located in Brodhead—the third expansion in five years. The projects include a new lobby/visitor center addition and office renovation, and a 66,000-square-foot manufacturing plant expansion. They are scheduled for completion in August and September, 2008, respectively, with a construction budget of \$3.8 million. The company expects to add 50 to 100 employees as a result of the expansion.

**BROWN DEER — Traffic and Parking Control Co.** has purchased the former Northstar Printing building and will move its business there next fall. The 128,000-square-foot building at Brown Deer Road was owned most recently by Concours Motors. TAPCO is now based in Elm Grove. It supplies traffic control, parking equipment and personal safety items to customers nationwide. The village board approved the issuing of \$5.1 million in industrial revenue bonds to assist the company in its move. Most of the remodeling will be interior work, including moving walls, renovating offices on the south end of the building and removing such features as multiple heating and air-conditioning units.

**CEDARBURG — Carlson Tool & Manufacturing Corp.** plans to expand its corporate headquarters later this year as the company celebrates its 50th year in business. The company will conduct a groundbreaking ceremony to launch a 10,000-square-foot addition to its east plant to accommodate the firm's growth. With the addition, Carlson plans to hire about 15 additional employees. The company has grown to more than \$30 million in sales with 157 employees located in the two plants in Wisconsin and two satellite plants in California and Alabama. The expansion will be used for additional manufacturing space in the company's east plant.

**CHIPPEWA FALLS — Canadian Sand and Proppant Inc.** will start construction on its 93-acre parcel later this summer to build a \$30 million plant in the northeast corner of Chippewa Falls. The company will build four buildings, each between 6,000 and 15,000 square feet in size. The buildings will hold wet sand, in which workers will then dry it and store it. The plant will create about 20 jobs initially. It will have a \$60 million impact on the Chippewa Valley, as it will hire trucking companies to haul sand and negotiate deals with landowners for sand. The City Council will discuss a plan to issue \$20 million in industrial revenue bonds for the project.

**CHIPPEWA FALLS — WOW Logistics** has announced they have built a 126,000-square-foot distribution center. The newest building is located in the Riverside Industrial Park across the street from two other WOW warehouse facilities with total sizes of 648,000 square feet and 127,000 square feet. The newest distribution center will give WOW Logistics nearly one million square feet of warehousing space in the industrial park. The newest facility, with 12 truck dock doors and 38' high ceilings is situated on 6.5 acres. WOW already has a full time tenant for the building, Premium Waters, who has been a long-time customer of WOW.

**EAU CLAIRE — Indianhead Foodservice Warehouse** is expanding its cold storage freezer space, adding a total of 23,200 square feet of food storage space to its existing facility. The expansion will provide up to 10 new jobs in the next year. IFD has been in business for over 60 years.

**FITCHBURG — Citrus Systems Inc.** announced plans to expand operations in Fitchburg. A year ago, Foremost Farms announced it would be closing its juice packing plant at 3101 Fish Hatchery Road. The Baraboo-based dairy cooperative filed a 60-day plant closing notice with the Department of Workforce Development, a move that left some 75 employees without jobs. That's when Tom Boehland, president of Citrus Systems Inc. in Hopkins, Minn., stepped in. After working out a deal with Teamsters Union Local 695 to keep the staff in place, a group headed by Boehland bought the facility and adjacent real estate. The \$2 million plant is now up and running again, producing Robinade Old School Lemonade.

**FOND DU LAC — MAG Giddings & Lewis** is exploring options for a possible large-scale expansion that could include a new manufacturing facility. Some \$10 million in industrial revenue bonds to fund rehabilitation of its existing manufacturing facility could be obtained for the project. The number of jobs that this expansion would include have not yet been determined. MAG Giddings and Lewis is part of MAG Industrial Automation Systems — one of the world's largest machine tool groups.

**FORT ATKINSON — Spacesaver Corp.,** a manufacturer of high density mobile storage and filing systems, recently completed a \$7.5 million, 45,000-square-foot expansion, which resulted in 20 new jobs. The company has 508 employees. Spacesaver, a division of Green Bay-based KI, began the expansion last fall to accommodate production of its XTend Mobile High-Bay Storage (MHBS). The system is designed for academic libraries, government and commercial entities that require efficient off-site media storage.

**FREEDOM — BelGioioso Cheese** held grand opening ceremonies for industry dignitaries and guests in honor of the company's newest cheese plant. The 90,000-square-foot manufacturing facility is the sixth cheese manufacturing and processing facility for BelGioioso, which has been making cheese in northeast Wisconsin since 1979. Construction on the Freedom facility started in April 2007. The company was making cheese by December. The new plant is making Fontina, as well as fresh Mozzarella. BelGioioso started nearly 30 years ago with only 15 employees and 25 farmers, producing Provolone. Now, it has 350 employees and 200 farmers and 25 kinds of specialty cheese and five plants across the state.

**GERMANTOWN — Cargill Inc.** plans to build a 14,380-square-foot addition to its 56,056-square-foot plant at McCormick Drive in Germantown. The company will add six employees at the plant as part of the expansion. Cargill is an international provider of food, agricultural and risk management products and services and has 158,000 employees in 66 countries.

**GLENDALE — The Orthopaedic Hospital of Wisconsin** is planning a \$30 million replacement building that can better handle demand for bone and joint procedures. The new building, which will be adjacent to the one now standing, calls for 10 operating rooms and 30 inpatient beds in private rooms. There will be three floors and 94,000 square feet of space. Construction should begin this summer, and the doors are expected to open in December 2009.

**HARTLAND — Midwest Composite Technologies Inc.**, a manufacturer of composite products, including molds, tooling, models and prototypes, has moved to a new 69,000-square-foot facility. The new building was funded with \$7.2 million in Wisconsin Industrial Revenue Bonds. The company also has purchased about \$1 million in new equipment, and the move is expected to create 13 new jobs over the next two years. The company now has 35 workers.

**HAYWARD — Sawyer County Airport** will receive \$596,846 in project funds for planning, design and construction. The governor's action releases \$21,948 in state funds to purchase land, seal coat airfield pavements, purchase snow removal equipment, pave a hangar access road, provide reimbursement for planning and environmental assessment services, and deer fencing. Sawyer County is contributing another \$21,948 and the Federal Aviation Administration is providing \$552,950. Facilities at the Sawyer County Airport include a 5,000-foot paved primary runway and 1,240-foot turf airstrip that together accommodate some 10,400 aircraft take-offs and landings each year. About 28 aircraft are based at the airport, many of them corporate-owned.

**HAYWARD — US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Wisconsin** State Director, Frank Frassetto, was in Hayward, WI recently to present Great Lakes Renewable Energy with a large check representing their recently approved \$290,000 Value-Added Producer Grant. This funding will be used to provide working capital at the new Great Lakes Renewable Energy Manufacturing Plant. In addition, the Sawyer County Economic Development Corporation was also recognized for their efforts in helping this project come to fruition. The company plans to sell approximately 36,000 tons of residential wood pellets on an annual basis, targeting the growing biomass stove market. The Rural Development Grant will help to create 15-17 new jobs for the area.

**JANESVILLE — St. Mary's Hospital** in Madison and **Dean Health System** announced a plan to build a \$140 million hospital and medical campus on the city's southeast side. The 50-bed hospital and adjacent physician office complex will open in 2010 on fifty acres of land Dean purchased in 2000 on the southeast corner of Highway 11 and Interstate 90. The new complex will create 350 jobs in Janesville. Dean currently employs about 50 doctors and 200 other employees at its Riverview and Northview clinics in Janesville.

**JEFFERSON — Nestle Purina PetCare** Company's Jefferson facility will purchase new equipment, train workers and expand its warehouse with \$130,000 in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits and Community Development Block Grants that it received from the state of Wisconsin. The company manufactures pet food products. It will train more than 107 employees on new equipment. The project is expected to create as many as 20 jobs over the next five years and represents \$20-\$40 million in new investment. Nestlé Purina PetCare is a global manufacturer of pet products, with North American headquarters in St. Louis, MO. The Jefferson plant was the first NPPC manufacturing location to produce Fancy Feast brand cat food.

**KENOSHA — Gordon Food Service**, a private firm based in Grand Rapids, Mich., is negotiating to buy sixty acres so it can build a 700,000-square-foot warehouse and distribution facility about a mile east of Interstate 94 near Highway N and 88th Avenue. City of Kenosha officials are considering setting up a \$14 million tax incremental financing district to help Gordon defray the cost of infrastructure work on the vacant privately owned site. The warehouse and distribution facility could employ up to 250 people when it's operational.

**MADISON — Collectar**, which is working on drugs to fight cancer, built one of the first new \$3.4 million radiopharmaceutical manufacturing facilities in the U.S. The new 16,000-square-foot building is located in a strip mall off the Beltline highway on the city's southeast side. The manufacturing plant is only one of four in the country and has the ability to make Pharmaceuticals using radioactive ingredients.

**MADISON — Dane County Regional Airport** has been awarded \$9.2 million in Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Funds to acquire equipment, make airfield improvements, and enhance environmental remediation of aircraft de-icing fluids. Nearly \$5 million is entitlement funding, but more than \$4.2 million is discretionary funding for which the airport must compete with airports across the country.

**MADISON — DNASTAR, Inc.** will receive \$231,500 in Technology Zone tax credits to expand its Madison facility. The project is expected to create 20 new positions. The company was founded in 1983. It develops and markets software tools for scientists researching the structure and function of genes and proteins. Product offerings include Lasergene software for DNA and protein sequence analysis, SeqMan Genome Assembler for advanced, large-scale DNA assembly, ArrayStar for microarray gene expression analysis, and GenVision, a powerful visualization tool. As part of DNASTAR's expansion, the company plans to lease additional space at its facility in Madison.

**MADISON — DreamBikes**, a non-profit used bicycle store, opened in Madison. It employs kids from the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County. DreamBikes refurbishes donated bicycles, trains and employs local teenagers, and provides low-cost bicycles to youth in Allied Drive and other neighborhoods in need. DreamBikes will be hiring youth who are enrolled in the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County's Job Ready Program, a program designed to help teens - ages 14 to 18 prepare themselves for the professional world of work. Employees will learn how to clean, repair, and sell bikes. All bikes sold at DreamBikes are either used or donated. In order to increase affordability, DreamBikes is offering a Micro-Credit Program in which individuals can purchase a bike on a payment plan.

**MADISON — J.H. Findorff and Son** completed work on their new 38,000-square-foot building in downtown Madison. The central location is perfect for its 60-70 employees, many of whom bike or walk to work. Through the third floor window, you can see Lake Monona. The company, one of Wisconsin's leading builders, was founded in the 1890's.

**MADISON — The Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery** broke ground on the 1300 block of University Avenue in Madison. Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery is an integral part of Governor Doyle's statewide strategy to cement Wisconsin's status as a leader in the fields of biotechnology, health sciences, and stem cell research. The Institutes will feature public and private research facilities for interdisciplinary research and greater collaboration with the industry on the UW-Madison campus. Because it is a public-private institute, it will allow flexibility for researchers to convert their discoveries into commercial ventures that will create jobs. The project is the centerpiece of the governor's goal of capturing 10 percent of the stem cell market.

**MANITOWOC — Manitowoc Co**, Inc announced that an agreement has been reached on the terms of its acquisition of Enodis plc for \$2.1 billion. Enodis is a global leader in commercial foodservice equipment with a variety of premier brands. It is one of the world's leading suppliers of foodservice equipment, with products on the "cold" and "hot" sides of the industry.

**MANITOWOC — Manitowoc Tool & Machining** has acquired an 88,000-square-foot building from Ariens, in Manitowoc. MTM initially will use the building for warehouse storage and shipping, with manufacturing to follow. This is the company's 14th expansion project since 1980. MTM President Scott Mertens said strong demand for his company's services will lead to installation of additional CNC machining capabilities and robotics in the new facility, creating additional jobs. The expansion creates a total of eight acres of MTM manufacturing space in Manitowoc. The company's projects have not used tax increment finance district revenue or other government assistance.

**MANITOWOC — Expansion** is in the works for **Tower Tech Systems Inc.** after its parent company raised \$100 million in a stock sale. Tower Tech is a manufacturer of towers used in wind power projects, a growth area within the manufacturing sector given the record pace in the expansion of wind power generation projects across the country. Tower Tech's parent company, said it planned to raise \$100 million through the sale of stock to investment funds managed by Tontine Associates. A separate agreement with an unidentified partner would result in additional financing.

**MANITOWOC — Tramontina USA** said that it plans to add a third shift and hire about 80 new employees in Manitowoc, where it produces high-end cookware in the former Mirro plant. Tramontina USA, the U.S. subsidiary of Brazilian cookware manufacturer Tramontina Group, is boosting production because of plans to add a new cookware line early this summer and the placement of many of its U.S.-made products with major national retailers. Tramontina opened its Manitowoc factory in 2005, where annual production began at six million pieces of cookware and is now projected to be more than 10 million for 2008, the company said. The plant now has about 145 employees.

**MARION — The City of Marion** will be receiving \$253,000 from the Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities and Economic Development (CDBG-PFED) program of the Department of Commerce. This grant is to provide the infrastructure necessary to support a business expansion. Marion Plywood, founded in 1894, is one of the largest producers of custom cut-to-size plywood panels in the United States. Their products are used in such diverse industries as engineered wood flooring, musical instruments, sports, furniture, cabinetry, window, and door manufacturing. The company needs to expand its facility in Marion to accommodate a new production line. Marion Plywood plans to create 10 full-time positions over a one-year period and will retain 112 full-time positions. Total project cost is \$3,331,378.

**MAZOMANIE — Cardinal Glass**, a major manufacturing company, has chosen the Village of Mazomanie to expand its operations bringing the potential of 145 new jobs to the area. A new road into the plant is proposed and would be named Wick Drive. As an incentive to attract new subsidiary Cardinal Solar Technologies, the village has offered to give the company twenty-five acres on the far northwest side of the village. The plan is to build a 180-foot-wide, 900-foot-long manufacturing plant. Site preparation was expected to begin June 9, with a projected completion date of next May. Plans for phase II slated for 2011 include a smaller plat at 180 feet by 500 feet.

**MENOMONEE VALLEY — MSI General Corp.** has been selected to design and build a 160,000-square-foot plant in the Menomonee Valley for Charter Wire, which is moving from the 3rd Ward. The Oconomowoc general contractor said that it will build the estimated \$20 million plant between Wheelhouse Road and Milwaukee Road. Construction is planned to start in August 2008, with a move-in date slated for late 2009. Charter Wire, currently located at 114 N. Jackson St., is a division of Charter Manufacturing of Mequon. It is a major supplier of shaped steel wire and bar products for industry.

**MEQUON — Mountainside**, N.J.-based L&M Healthcare Communications LLC, an independent medical education agency, has opened a new Midwest office in Mequon. The new office at 11412 N. Port Washington Road will be led by Todd Graverson as vice president of client services. Having offices in both the Midwest and East Coast, two of the largest pharmaceutical and biotech development spaces, allows Mountainside to quickly respond to the needs of their clients. The company's core services include thought-leader/advocacy development, core launch educational materials, speakers' bureau development and publications. The new office will be initially staffed by two people but will grow as they add clients in the Midwest.

**MILWAUKEE — Charter Wire**, a division of Charter Manufacturing Co. in Mequon, plans to purchase 7.8 acres of land east of Miller Park. Charter plans to build a \$20 million, 160,000-square-foot manufacturing plant that will retain 115 full-time jobs in Milwaukee and position the company to expand its operations in the future. The company will move from its current plant in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward. The project will be financed by JPMorgan Chase through the New Markets Tax Credit program, which is a federal tax incentive program designed to encourage private investment in low-income communities.

**MILWAUKEE — DRS Technologies Inc.** announced a \$10.8 million remodeling project of its 610,000-square-foot facility in Milwaukee's central city. The project will upgrade the existing infrastructure, install energy-efficient systems, and improve employee space. DRS is a designer, manufacturer and supplier of products, systems and services to all branches of the U.S. Military. The company currently employs more than 300 full-time employees at its Milwaukee power and control technologies unit. There are no hiring plans now, but the company hopes its upgrades will allow for future expansion and create an environment to attract and retain new workers. The project has been in the planning stages for more than six years.

**MILWAUKEE — Great Lakes Distillery**, which produces Rehorst brand vodka and gin, plans to move to Walker's Point from its current location in Milwaukee's Riverwest neighborhood. The distillery plans to lease 9,500 square feet of space in The Tannery business complex. About 6,000 square feet would be used for production and the remainder for offices. Great Lakes, which began operating in 2006, currently leases 3,500 square feet of space on Holton Street. About 80 percent of Great Lakes' revenue stems from the sale of Rehorst Milwaukee Premium vodka,

with the remainder coming from the sale of Rehorst Milwaukee Premium gin. Great Lakes distributes its vodka and gin throughout the Wisconsin.

**MILWAUKEE — HSI Development Partners LLC**, a Glendale-based real estate development and construction management company, announced it has chosen a general contractor for what will be the largest project to date in Milwaukee's Menomonee Valley Industrial Center. The facility will be leased long-term to Derse Inc., a national company based in Wauwatosa that is known for making high-tech, large-scale exhibition booths. Derse plans to move its headquarters to the valley so that it can expand its operations and grow its workforce. The 160,000-square-foot facility will be built at the gateway to the redeveloping valley, just east of Miller Park along Canal Street. The development will cost an estimated \$10 million.

**MILWAUKEE — The Mandel Group** recently began foundation pile driving at The North End development, which is a \$175 million mixed-use residential and retail project on the site of the former Pfister & Vogel tannery. The eight-acre property is the largest brownfield site in downtown Milwaukee. The former Pfister & Vogel tannery buildings have been demolished to make way for new development. More than 25,000 tons of concrete was salvaged from the demolished buildings, which was recycled and reused for the first phase of the development, which will include 83 apartments and 15,000 square feet of retail space. The first phase of the North End is expected to be complete by the spring of 2009. Later phases of the development will include 395 condominiums and another 15,000 square feet of retail space. The entire development is expected to take five to seven years to build out.

**MILWAUKEE — Paradigm Sensors** will begin production of biodiesel testing devices from a new home inside a business incubator on the city's north side. The Milwaukee start-up firm, who makes biodiesel sensors, hopes to hire more than 25 people in the coming year as it starts manufacturing handheld devices that analyze biodiesel to ensure product quality. The firm will close its first round of venture-capital funding after a \$200,000 investment announced Tuesday by the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority.

**MILWAUKEE — Visant Corp.**, based out of New York, announced that it will close a plant in Pennsauken, N.J., and shift manufacturing operations from there to plants in Milwaukee, Hagerstown, Md., and Rockaway, N.J. About 200 people work at the Pennsauken, N.J. plant. The company is still trying to determine what changes will be made at the Milwaukee plant, which is located at 8111 N. 87th Street. The plant, which makes overhead transparencies for schools and book covers, will see some incremental increase in production, which should result in some increase in employment and the addition of some new equipment. Currently, about 100 people work at the Milwaukee plant.

**NEENAH — Menasha Packaging Co.** plans to construct a 47,000-square-foot addition to its Neenah Wide Web Plant on Gillingham Road. The project would require the purchase and demolition of the adjacent Sky Club East supper club, which has been a fixture of the city's west side for decades. Nancy Whitton, director of corporate communications for Menasha Corp., parent company of Menasha Packaging, said that the expansion would provide a boost to the manufacturing sector. Menasha Packaging has requested that the Sky Club East property be rezoned from commercial to industrial use to accommodate the addition.

**NEENAH — Miron Construction Co., Inc.** announced plans to begin an expansion of its corporate office. The project will add 46,000 square feet on to the existing 65,000-square-foot building. The addition will consist of two, two-story wings, which will extend from both the west and east ends of the existing structure and allow for additional office space, conference rooms and an expansion of the health and fitness center. The renovation of the existing structure will also incorporate sustainable elements.

**NEENAH — Plexus Corporation** says it will build new corporate headquarters in downtown Neenah. Plexus said it looked at sites throughout the Fox Valley before selecting downtown Neenah for the \$18 million building. The new headquarters will bring together about 325 employees from five Neenah buildings owned or leased by Plexus. The company will build its headquarters on the site of the former Glatfelter paper mill.

**NEENAH — USF Holland**, a trucking firm, began construction of a 40,000-square-foot terminal at County II and Winncrest Road. The expansion will double the size of its current facility with work expected to be finished in early 2008. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.4 million.

**OAK CREEK — Joseph Campione Inc.**, which makes garlic bread, Texas toast and other varieties of bread for retail sales, is planning a major expansion of its plant at 2201 W. Southbranch Blvd. The company, established in 1960, plans to add 102,016 square feet of space to its current facility. The company's current facility is 140,000 square feet. The addition would include a two-story, 12,600-square-foot area with a lobby, lounge and locker area on the first floor, and office space on the second floor. The rest of the expansion will be for bread production, providing room for three more processing lines, two more large ovens and a refrigeration area.

**OAK CREEK — The U.S. Postal Service** will build a new, 820,000-square-foot mail distribution and processing center on sixty-four acres of vacant land at the southwest corner of College Avenue and Pennsylvania Road in Oak Creek. The new facility will replace the distribution center and mail processing facility at 345 W. St. Paul Ave. in downtown Milwaukee and a warehouse on South Second Street in Milwaukee. With the site selection, about 1,900 postal employees in the mail processing center will move to Oak Creek from Milwaukee.

**PEWAUKEE — Harken Yacht Equipment Inc.** will break ground in August on a new manufacturing facility and headquarters on Bluemound Road. The new facility is expected to open by Jan. 1, 2010. Harken is the largest manufacturer of sailboat hardware in the world. The company has about 130 employees in Pewaukee and more than 300 employees around the world. The new headquarters and manufacturing center will have an 80,000-square-foot first floor and about 20,000 square feet of office space above. While designs have not yet been completed, the company plans for extensive use of natural lighting and is considering geothermal heating and cooling and several other "green" building techniques.

**PLATTEVILLE — AVISTA Incorporated**, a leader in critical-systems software engineering services, is expanding operations in Wisconsin and plans to hire 40 more engineers. After four years of growth, particularly in commercial avionics and government and military programs, the company has outgrown its corporate headquarters. The company already has nearly 150 engineers mostly based in Wisconsin. Construction is underway on the new office space near its headquarters building to support the expanded payroll, including conference meeting space and a new secure software/hardware engineering lab. The new office space is in the Platteville Business Incubator and the company expects to move in during the 2nd quarter of this year.

**PLATTEVILLE — L&M Corrugated Container** has announced plans to double the size of their current facility to 48,000 square feet and also add an office addition to their facility at 32 Insight Drive over the next couple of years. Means Drive is being extended to the east to accommodate the expansion. This extension is partially funded by a State of Wisconsin transportation grant.

**PLATTEVILLE — Lifeline** will be adding a 4,000-square-foot expansion to house an expanded manufacturing and warehousing for their nationally distributed sound systems and Midwest based sound/video/acoustical/theatrical lighting business. Construction has begun and will be finished soon.

**PORT WASHINGTON — Molded Dimensions Inc.** plans to add a 24,955-square-foot building, with 20,604 square feet of industrial space and 4,351 square feet of office space, to its existing property. The company engineers and molds custom rubber and polyurethane mechanical parts for OEM and aftermarket industries. The new facility will be used for polyurethane part manufacturing and the company's existing facility will be used for rubber part manufacturing. The state will provide an industrial revenue bond allocation to Molded Dimension for the expansion project, which will create 30 jobs.

**PULASKI — Carver Boat Corp.** is planning a \$27 million expansion of its Marquis Yacht Division in Pulaski and a new location in Green Bay that will be used for production of large yachts. The expansion is expected to create 450 jobs and includes expansions of the company's metalworking, fiberglass lamination, assembly and testing/customer delivery divisions. The Marquis Yacht Division of Carver Boat Corporation is the world's largest producer of yachts larger than 50 feet. Sales of Carver and Marquis Yachts are predominately to major coastal markets of the United States, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean and the Pacific Rim. Carver Boat Corporation manufactures luxury motor yachts under the Marquis and Carver brands that range in size from 36 feet to 70 feet. With the expansion, the company plans to produce yachts up to 100 feet in length.

**STEVENS POINT — AIG Travel Guard** is in the final stages of adding three large pieces of business and could bring on a new work force in six months. Almost 300 new workers could join AIG-Travel Guard's 750 current employees when its new headquarters opens in Stevens Point. The company broke ground last week on its new facility in the Portage County Business Park. Construction on the new 125,000-square-foot, \$20 million building should be completed by next summer.

**STRATFORD — A&B Process Systems** has completed construction of its new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility. The 53,000-square-foot plant is specially designed to produce large-scale process vessels and super skids for the pharmaceutical, food and beverage industries. A&B is a national leader in the design, fabrication, automation, testing and installation of stainless steel process systems, and customer input was an integral part of the facility's design, according to a company news release. A&B has five plants in Stratford, totaling more than 250,000 square feet of manufacturing capacity.

**STURTEVANT — BWAY Corp.**, which has a metal can manufacturing facility in Sturtevant, recently received \$150,000 in technology zone tax credits from the state of Wisconsin. The credits will assist the company in its plans to invest about \$3.5 million in new equipment for a new aerosol can manufacturing line. The new line is expected to create 10 new jobs. BWAY Corp. is based in Atlanta, GA and has other manufacturing facilities in Chicago, Cincinnati, California, Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where it makes metal and plastic containers used for paint, petro chemicals, foods and household/personal products.

**STURTEVANT — Winona Pattern & Mold** had originally planned to build in Racine, but decided to relocate its operation to Sturtevant, Wisconsin instead. Winona co-owner and Chief Executive Officer Perrin Rondeau said he plans to build the local operation from the current 14 employees to 30-35 within three to five years. The Sturtevant option will save the company 30-40 percent on its investment. Winona Pattern & Mold makes fully designed, one-of-a-kind tools for every industry, many of them specializing in automotive. Winona hopes to close on the purchase soon and immediately build a 40 X 80-foot addition and then move in mid-November.

**WEST BEND — Spaulding Clinical Research** bought the former campus of St. Joseph's Community Hospital in West Bend. The company is a full-service facility for testing drugs in Phase I clinical trials, according to its Web site. Spaulding Clinical's acquisition of the campus means that the largely vacant building will continue to be used for health care work, the company says. The acquisition could bring 60 professional jobs to West Bend.

**WISCONSIN DELLS — Polynesian Waterpark Resort** in Wisconsin Dells plans to spend \$20 million to expand the 300-room resort's water park and add a new convention center and condominiums. The renovation plans for the indoor water park include 10,000 square feet of additional water play areas. Phase I of construction will begin after Labor Day with the remodeling of the first 100 resort units, construction of an overhead walkway connector and the new convention center. Remodeling of the second 100 units will be a part of phase II, and the final phase of construction will include remodeling the final 100 units.

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