



Wisconsin's Growing

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ANTIGO – Sartori Foods Corporation, a supplier of specialized ingredients, flavors and services to the foodservice, food ingredient and specialty markets, has purchased the assets of **Antigo Cheese Company**. The company has retained 110 jobs in the community and expects future growth. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is providing \$550,000 in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits to help facilitate the retention of jobs and assist with the firm's ongoing success.

BEAVER DAM – Apache Stainless Equipment Corp. has been sold to **The Dexter Company** of Fairfield, Iowa, a transaction that is expected to add between 30 and 50 employees at Apache by the end of 2007. The company designs and manufactures stainless steel food processing equipment, tanks and vessels for a variety of applications. The firm currently has about 200 employees in Beaver Dam and Plover.

BELOIT (TOWN OF) – BOC Gases, a New Jersey-based industrial gases company, has broken ground for its newest air separation plant, which will be its largest facility in Wisconsin. The expansion will create 35 to 40 new jobs when it is completed at the end of 2007. The plant will separate air cryogenically to produce 700 tons of liquid oxygen and nitrogen daily. The gases will then be shipped to food processors, chemical and metal manufacturers, independent gases distributors and hospitals in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

BELOIT – Southeastern Container is building a new \$25 million, 200,000-square-foot plastic bottle manufacturing facility and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is pitching in with assistance for the project. The DOT will provide a \$310,000 Transportation Assistance Grant to the City of Beloit to cover a portion of the cost of constructing 850 feet of new street in Beloit's Gateway Business Park. The company is owned by a group of Coca-Cola bottlers and operates nine plants throughout the country.

BONDUEL – KI (Krueger International), a manufacturer of innovative furniture and wall system solutions, will invest \$1.1 million in a consolidation of its wooden tabletop production operation. The expansion will create up to 75 jobs over the next three years. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce will assist the project by providing \$375,000 in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits.

BROOKFIELD – Elmbrook Memorial Hospital will invest \$13 million in 2007 to renovate its surgery, patient and operating rooms. The hospital, owned by **Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare**, will add two surgical patient rooms, as well as expand its pre-op and recovery areas. Patient rooms will be converted entirely to private status and there will also be a new inpatient rehab gym built.

BROOKFIELD – Marshall & Ilsley Corp. is constructing a 55,240-square-foot, three-story addition to its 65,043-square-foot, four-story training center. The expansion for the bank holding company will nearly double the size of its M&I University at 401 North Executive Drive. The building is on a 9-acre parcel that includes parking for 522 vehicles. The addition will include an auditorium, lecture hall, cafeteria, technical training center and workforce development rooms.

BROOKFIELD – National Graphics Inc. has paid \$1.6 million to purchase an existing 61,000-square-foot building and 3-acre parking lot at 12995 W. Lisbon Road. The company has moved its printing business to the former **Burton & Mayer** industrial building and will redevelop its former 7-acre site in Brookfield into a \$25 million multifamily and mixed-use commercial development. The company was selected by Rolling Stone in May 2005 to produce the magazine's 3-D cover celebrating its 1000th issue.

BURLINGTON & MENOMONEE FALLS – **Hi-Liter Graphics LLC** of Burlington and subsidiary **Inland Graphics LLC** of Menomonee Falls are making large investments in new printing presses, new technology and are continuing to add to their respective workforces. The companies have added 20 employees in 2006 and plan to add 10 more in 2007. A 10-color Heidelberg sheetfed printing press was installed at Inland Graphics in 2006 and Hi-Liter has signed a purchase agreement for a MAN Roland 32-page heat-set press to be installed in 2007. Inland provides commercial offset printing and hard- and soft-cover book printing. Hi-Liter specializes in printing of short to medium run-length catalogs, directories, manuals, books, publications and marketing materials.

BUTLER – **North American Biodiesel LLC** has plans to construct a 14,000-square-foot, \$1.3 million biodiesel production facility at the northwest corner of Ruby Avenue and North 124th Street. The three-acre site will house the first biodiesel fuel production facility in southeastern Wisconsin. Construction will begin in February 2007 and be completed by July. The plant will have an initial capacity of 5 million gallons and will employ about 10 people. Soybean and other virgin oils will be used to make the biodiesel.

CAMPBELLSPORT – **West Bend Machine Works** is rehabilitating the 19,000-square-foot Ironside Battery building, a facility that has been vacant since 1990. The company will soon be moving into the plant and will eventually add six new jobs in its new, larger location. Founded in 1999, the firm manufactures parts and assembled components that are ready for market. Services include prototyping, custom machining, deburring, assembly, CAD/CAM support, design assistance and inspection/quality control.

DENMARK – **Salm Partners, LLC**, a private label sausage manufacturing business, is expanding operations and purchasing additional equipment. The firm will create 100 new jobs with the \$13 million expansion. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is providing a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant-Economic Development loan to assist the manufacturing expansion at the firm's 25,000-square-foot facility.

EAU CLAIRE – **Bank Mutual Corp.**, the fourth-largest banking institution headquartered in Wisconsin, will open its fifth location on the city's west side. The new branch bank is expected to be open for business during the second quarter of 2007.

EAU CLAIRE – **National Presto Industries** is closing an adult diapers plant in Georgia and consolidating it with its Eau Claire operations. The consolidation will create at least 25 new jobs in Eau Claire. The company will also move equipment from Georgia to Wisconsin and expects the move to be done by the first quarter of 2007. The business is also a manufacturer of ammunition and small appliances.

EAU CLAIRE – **OEM Fabricators Inc.**, a Woodville, Minnesota-based metal fabricating firm, will be the first tenant in the new **NanoRite Center**. The NanoRite Center is a business incubator at Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) that is focusing on nanotechnology and micro-fabrication. The facility is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2007. The 37,000-square-foot center will augment nanotechnology and research already underway at CVTC, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout. OEM Fabricators and other companies, including **3M Corp.** and **Xcel Energy**, have contributed money to create the \$4.9 million center.

EAU CLAIRE – **Silver Spring Gardens Inc.**, the world's largest grower and processor of horseradish, has doubled its capabilities with the completion of a 100,000-square-foot addition at its headquarter facility. Assembly lines, a state-of-the-art quality control lab and gourmet kitchen have been added. The highly-automated plant means the company can create more mustard products and horseradish, as well as manufacture condiments such as jams, jellies and sauces.

FRANKLIN – **All Solutions LLC** has leased 42,000 square feet of office and industrial space in the Franklin Business Park. The firm, a provider of supply chain management services, will occupy part of a 126,000-square-foot multi-tenant building that was completed in late November 2006. The company plans to eventually move its headquarters to the building.

FRANKLIN & MILWAUKEE – **Bricton Group Inc.**, a Park Ridge, Illinois hotel management firm, is developing a 100-room **Staybridge Suites** hotel near the southwest corner of S. 27th Street and W. Ryan Road. The five-story hotel would be the first chain hotel planned for the city and the second recently proposed for the Milwaukee area. **Development Opportunity Corp.** of Fort Myers, Florida also plans to build a 120-room **Staybridge Suites** in downtown Milwaukee. The hotel would be part of a 12-story mixed-use project, including condos and retail space, at the corner of N. Water Street and E. Juneau Avenue.

FRANKLIN – **Excel Tool & Fabrication Inc.**, a tool and die manufacturer, will move into a new, 17,626-square-foot building. The facility is under construction at 10076 S. 54th Street and should be done by late spring or early summer. The company presently occupies an 8,000-square-foot plant just to the south on the same street. The business employs 20 people.

GERMANTOWN – **Desert Aire Corp.**, a manufacturer of industrial and commercial dehumidifying systems, has outgrown its current 40,000-square-foot facility and has purchased a larger building. The firm has acquired a 103,000-square-foot building on a 13-acre site for \$5.5 million and plans to hire additional employees. The company, which has more than doubled in size in the last three years, moved into its new home in late 2006.

HARTFORD – **American Exchanger Services** has purchased a 21,700-square-foot factory for \$300,000 in the Hartford Industrial Park, which will be the second location the business has in the community. The company is a designer and manufacturer of high- and low-pressure feedwater heaters and heat exchangers that are used in power plants and ethanol production facilities to transfer energy. The firm has 24 employees and plans to hire at least four more.

HARTLAND – **Hartland Tool Inc.**, a stainless steel fabricator, has purchased a 35,000-square-foot building for \$1.2 million. The company employs ten and previously occupied a 5,000-square-foot building in the city but has experienced rapid growth and needs more space. The firm supplies stainless steel tanks and parts for coffee-maker manufacturers and other beverage companies.

HARTLAND – **R C Insurance Services Inc.**, an independent insurance agency that employs 60, is putting up a new office building. The 29,500-square-foot office will break ground in spring 2007 on a 3-acre site in the Bark River Commerce Center, located at the corner of Walnut Ridge Drive and Richards Road. The facility will include a 1.5-acre parking lot

HUDSON – **Citizens State Bank** is building a new 24,000-square-foot headquarters, located at the corner of Stageline Drive and Central Drive, near the Hudson Hospital. The facility is expected to open in the fall of 2007.

JANESVILLE – **Freedom Plastics**, one of the nation's premier manufacturers of plastic piping systems, will receive \$42,000 in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to help with an expansion project. The business has started a three-phase growth plan that includes worker training, purchase of new equipment and a plant expansion. The tax credits will be used to facilitate the creation of 14 new jobs in conjunction with the \$3.3 million expansion.

JEFFERSON – **Renew Energy** will receive a \$1.5 million Freight Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program loan to renovate an existing facility to accommodate loading and storage of wheat, and to install tanks for ethanol production. In October 2006, the company broke ground on a new ethanol production facility that is expected to produce 130 million gallons of ethanol per year and create 60 new jobs.

LA CROSSE – **Chart Industries Inc.** is building a 10,000-square-foot addition to its 140,000-square-foot plant. The industrial heat exchanger manufacturer will add 30 new jobs as well, bringing its total employment at the facility to 400. The firm will also buy new equipment to increase production. The company is investing about \$1.5 million in the expansion project.

LANCASTER – **Wolwich Dairy**, a Canadian producer of goat cheeses, is moving forward with its new facility and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) and the City of Lancaster are assisting the project. The DOT is providing a \$120,000 grant to cover part of a road extension and the City of Lancaster is covering the remaining cost of about \$144,000. The company is building a new \$4.2 million, 45,000-square-foot goat cheese manufacturing facility that will create at least 25 jobs.

LISBON (TOWN OF) - **Franklin Trucking** and **Rawson Contractors** are relocating to a new facility in early 2007. Their new 13,000-square-foot office and warehouse terminal will be located on a 3-acre site at the Commerce Centre Industrial Park in Waukesha County. The project is one of eight parcels being developed in the 22-acre industrial park at the intersection of Lisbon and Duplainville roads.

LOMIRA – **Kondex Corporation** has broken ground for a new \$13 million, 155,000-square-foot factory that is expected to create 40 new jobs in the next three years. The privately-owned company is a leading manufacturer and marketer of agricultural cutting parts and has a workforce of 165. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce provided a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant to the Village of Lomira to assist the project. The facility will be built in the new technology park.

MADISON – **CellCura Inc.**, a Norwegian biotechnology company focusing on stem cell research, is opening a new facility in the University Research Park. The company will work closely with the WiCell Research Institute to develop products for Assisted Reproduction Technology to generate unique products for the stem cell market. The firm has developed its core technologies through 15 years of research.

MADISON – **Certco Inc.** has purchased a 348,000-square-foot distribution facility on 35-acres for \$7.25 million for a major expansion. The property formerly housed a **Newell Rubbermaid** distribution center. The wholesale grocery distributor provides food, equipment and services to independent grocers in Wisconsin, Minnesota and parts of Illinois and Iowa. The company plans on occupying the new location in the first quarter of 2007.

MADISON – **CUNA Mutual Group** has completed a five-year, \$72 million renovation of its headquarters on Mineral Point Road. The project included improvements to the company's three buildings and 2,000 feet of connecting tunnels. The remodeling job included about 1 million square feet of office space and rebuilt new walls, wiring, lighting, ventilation systems, sprinkler systems, carpeting and work stations. More than 300 miles of cable and nine football fields of carpet were installed. The firm is a leading provider of financial services to credit unions and their members worldwide.

MADISON – **Danisco**, a Danish corporation that is one of the world's largest producers of food ingredients, is expanding its office and research lab space. The company will occupy part of a new 50,000-square-foot office building at 3325 Agriculture Drive. The growth will allow the business to add 15 positions over the next five years. The firm's factory also plans to add about 25 jobs over the next few years. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is providing \$250,000 in Technology Zone tax credits to help the project.

MADISON – **Johnson Bank**, part of the \$4 billion Johnson Financial Group of Racine, has opened a third office in the city at 159 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The new office offers full-service banking along with trust, insurance, investment and leasing services. The space is located on the first floor of an 85-year-old, seven-story building. A ballroom was restored and converted to accommodate the office space.

MADISON – **Stem Cell Products, Inc.** is receiving \$750,000 in loans and a \$250,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to support the company's commercial research and development processes to make safe, effective blood products from embryonic stem cells. The firm will initially concentrate on process improvements in the manufacture and delivery of embryonic stem cell derived red blood cells and platelets. The company, founded by UW researchers James Thomson, Igor Slukvin and Doug Chen, has also been designated as a Qualified New Business Venture for investor tax credits under the Angel Investor and Venture Fund Tax Credit Programs.

MEDFORD – **J. Bauer Trucking Inc.**, a transporter of goods for a variety of manufacturers and industries, will create 40 new jobs in connection with the construction of a new truck repair shop and purchase of related equipment. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is assisting the \$1.7 million expansion project with \$120,000 in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits.

MENOMONEE FALLS – **Burton & Mayer**, a provider of printing and fulfillment services to companies nationwide, has received a \$1.5 million Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) allocation to assist with their expansion. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce announced the IRB award in early November. The \$6.8 million project includes the rehabilitation and remodeling of a newly-acquired 104,000-square-foot space, as well as the purchase of equipment. The expansion will create 15 jobs.

MENOMONEE FALLS – **Harley-Davidson Motor Company** will receive \$4.5 million in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to assist a business expansion, as well as ongoing workforce training. The tax credits are tied to plans by the company to invest \$300 million over the next several years and to create up to 200 new jobs. About 100 of those positions are related to a planned \$120 million expansion at their Menomonee Falls plant.

MENOMONEE FALLS – **Magnatek, Inc.** has moved its headquarters from California to its largest manufacturing center, located in Menomonee Falls. The relocation is expected to bring an additional 60 new jobs with it. The move to Wisconsin comes after the divestiture of the Company's Power Electronics Group, based in Valdarno, Italy, with manufacturing facilities in Shenzhen, China and Chatsworth, California, which also housed the Company's corporate headquarters. The firm specializes in the development, manufacture and marketing of digital power and motion control systems for material handling, people-moving, alternative energy, mining and telecom applications.

MENOMONEE FALLS – **Medical Associates Health Centers** has broken ground on a 28,000-square-foot health and well-being center at Silver Spring Road and Creekwood Crossing. The center will house medical spa services, medical imaging services, cosmetic spa services and laser services. The building is expected to be completed in late 2007.

MENOMONEE FALLS – **Reich Tool & Design Inc.**, a designer, builder and repairer of progressive metal stamping dies and tools, is planning to construct a corporate headquarters and factory on Technology Drive. Plans call for a 50,000-square-foot building on a 44-acre site about 1 mile from the company's current location. The new facility would double the size of the existing plant. Construction began in August and move-in should occur by April 2007. Industrial revenue bonds will fund the majority of the \$5 million project.

MERRILL – **Agra Industries** is adding 25,200 square feet to its 60,000-square-foot Merrill Fab manufacturing plant. The steel fabrication company plans to increase its workforce by 25 to fill the expanded building. It will also add a new stainless steel fabricating department. The project is expected to be completed by January or February 2007 and future plans for the company include the expansion of its engineering and administration office.

MIDDLETON – **The Middleton Corporate Center**, a 200-acre office park on the city's northwest side, will be adding 31 acres just to the west of the new U.S. 12 interchange at Airport Road. Ground will be broken this winter on the first office building planned for the Deming Campus with the structure available for occupancy in December 2007. When finished, the office park will have 720,000 square feet of Class A office space in a series of three- to five-story buildings.

MILWAUKEE – **Badger Railing**, a steel fabricator specializing in custom fabrication of steel chairs, ladders, industrial and wrought iron railings and fences, is expanding. The firm plans to move from its current site to a new plant to be constructed on a parcel near Miller Park. The new 27,300-square-foot manufacturing plant should be completed by May of 2007.

MILWAUKEE – **Capitol Stamping Corporation** will receive \$144,000 in Community Development Zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce for an expansion project. In September 2005, the company invested \$6.8 million to purchase the assets of a business of the same name that was in receivership. The expansion will help the business hire an additional 48 employees over the next three years. The firm designs, engineers and manufactures specialty metal stampings.

MILWAUKEE – **Gestra Engineering** is moving its headquarters to the central city in 2007. The environmental engineering services company will locate in a city-owned building at 1620-1634 W. Fond du Lac Avenue. The 6,500-square-foot space, which will undergo renovation, will include the firm's 15 existing employees and eventually another four workers. The business will also offer \$5,000 no-interest loans to help their employees purchase homes in the nearby neighborhood.

MILWAUKEE – **Lagina Plumbing** is receiving a \$196,000 loan from the Milwaukee Economic Development Corp. to assist with a move to the Silver City neighborhood. The company, which plans a spring 2007 move, will do extensive renovation on an 88-year-old, 2-story brick building at 3618 W. Pierce Street. The new 12,000-square-foot location will triple the size of the company's current space.

MILWAUKEE – **Midwest Products & Engineering Inc.**, bolstered by continued sales increases from primary customer GE Healthcare, is expanding and will add as many as 30 new employees. The firm will build a 40,000-square-foot addition to its 105,000-square-foot factory at 10597 W. Glenbrook Court. The \$1.8 million project is expected to be completed by late March or early April 2007. The company manufactures electronic enclosures, equipment carts, fabricated metal components and assemblies primarily for the medical equipment industry.

MILWAUKEE – **The Potawatomi Bingo Casino** is undergoing a \$240 million expansion of its facility just south of the downtown. The expansion will add 500,000 square feet of entertainment space and a six-story parking garage. The project is slated for a 2008 completion and is expected to create 1,000 new jobs. The expansion will include more slot machines and gaming tables, plus two new restaurants, a food court and additions to existing lounges and restaurants.

MONROE – **Roth Kase USA** has opened a new Culinary Education Centre and Affinage Facility. The addition to their plant is part of a 13,000-square-foot, \$5 million expansion that began in 2003. The project includes a new brine system, expanded packaging area and a state-of-the-art affinage (curling and refining) facility. The company is an award-winning specialty cheesemaker.

MONTELLLO – **Glen Oak Lumber & Milling, Inc.** has invested \$2.5 million in an expansion that will create 29 new jobs. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is assisting the project with \$87,000 in Community Development Zone tax credits. The company completed a new production facility in December 2006 where it will introduce a new product line consisting of residential and commercial organizational systems, including closets, mudrooms, pantries and garages. The firm is one of the largest hardwood lumber and millwork manufacturers in the U.S.

NASH (TOWN OF) – **The Sokaogon Chippewa Tribe** has begun construction of a \$5.8 million, 75-room hotel adjacent to its **Mole Lake Casino and Bingo Hall** near Crandon in southwest Forest County. The hotel, expected to be completed in June 2007, will include an aquatic center with a children's pool, a bar and a meeting place.

NEW BERLIN – **J.W. Winco Inc.**, a supplier of industrial machinery components, is building a 19,000-square-foot addition to its existing plant. The expansion will add office and warehouse space to the growing firm's 21,000-square-foot building at 2815 S. Calhoun Road. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2007.

NEW BERLIN – **Maritime Savings Bank** is spending \$1.3 million to buy the former State Financial Bank building on West National Avenue for a new branch office. The company will also spend another \$325,000 on equipment and furniture to get the operation up and running. The one-story, 3,400-square-foot building will include an attached drive-through facility.

NEW BERLIN – **RHH Foam Systems Inc.** has combined, relocated and expanded its operation to a new, 13,800-square-foot facility at 17100 W. Victor Road. The company manufactures portable polyurethane foam dispensing systems which are used in sealing and insulating commercial and residential structures. The firm works with 90 U.S. distributors and 25 internationally, moving about 1 million pounds of the chemical used to create the foam per year.

NEW BERLIN – **Schroeder Solutions** has opened its new office relocation and facilities management center at 1920 S. Calhoun Road. The new site includes 45,000 square feet of space and an "idea center." The firm, a warehousing, relocation and moving services provider, required more space for its warehousing solutions for its customers. The company employees 80 and continues to grow.

NEW BERLIN – **Software One Inc.** plans to add 14 sales employees to its staff by early 2007 to help grow the computer software firm's customer base. The licensing software company was acquired last year by a Swiss business that provides computer license management services. The acquisition enabled Software One to expand its business operations to other countries. The business currently has 47 employees, a majority of which are located in New Berlin.

NEW RICHMOND – **45th Parallel**, a micro-distiller of vodkas and brandies, is constructing a 5,000-square-foot building in the New Richmond Industrial Park. The new company's plans call for another 5,000 square foot addition in the fall of 2007. After reaching full production, the business hopes to produce 40,000 cases of vodka and brandy per year and employ two people to start.

NEW RICHMOND – **TD&I Cable Maintenance, Inc.**, a Minnesota-headquartered company that works with cable television providers, is relocating its Wisconsin location to the New Richmond Industrial Park. The business is building a 10,000-square-foot building on a 4-acre site, with plans to add another 10,000 square feet within a year. The company will initially bring 15 new jobs to the community.

OAK CREEK – **Trunk Bay Investments LLC** will build a \$4 million **Microtel Inn & Suites** at 9611 S. 13th Street, just east of I-94 and Ryan Road. The construction began in December 2006 and completion is expected by summer of 2007. The three-story hotel will include 57 rooms and could eventually expand with another 24 rooms. This Microtel would be the second in southeastern Wisconsin.

OCONOMOWOC – **Pabst Farms Development Inc.** will develop a new full-service **Hilton Garden Inn** hotel along the Interstate 94 corridor on three acres in the new mixed-use area at Pabst Farms known as Village Square. The three-story, 100-room property will join the recently opened **M&I Bank** in Village Square as co-anchors for what will eventually be 35 acres devoted to retail and office space.

ONALASKA – **Empire Screen Printing, Inc.**, one of the largest screen printing companies in the nation, is receiving a \$2.6 million Industrial Revenue Bond allocation from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to expand its manufacturing facility. The project includes the construction of a \$2.6 million, 10,200-square-foot addition to their existing 150,000-square-foot plant. The expansion will create 28 jobs.

OSHKOSH – **Fox Valley Technical College** is partnering with Milwaukee-based **Fabco Equipment Inc.** to establish Fabtech, a service technician education center, which will be built on the school's Spanbauer campus. The new \$1.5 million facility will help boost the College's engine repair program and it will be paid for by the College's foundation. Fabco will supply an additional \$1.6 million in tools and other equipment for the training center, as well as a steady flow of machinery for students to repair. While running, the program will handle between 20 and 25 students.

OSHKOSH – **Omni Glass and Paint** has broken ground on its new showroom, manufacturing facility and corporate headquarters on a 26-acre site near the northwest corner of U.S. Highways 41 and 45. The company is a Midwest provider of glass and paint contracting auto glass installation and residential glass services. The new 69,000-square-foot building will be completed in September 2007 and will nearly double the size of the firm's existing facility. The business plans to expand its 180-employee workforce by 10 to 15 percent over the next five years.

PESHTIGO – **BPM Inc.**, a business formed in November 2005 to acquire the assets of the former **Badger Paper Mills** in Peshtigo and Oconto Falls, is creating 58 jobs via an expansion. The company specializes in specialty printed paper and waxed paper for a number of industries. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce will provide \$290,000 in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits to help with the creation of the new jobs as well as the purchase of a new boiler system and electrical, water and pressure plant modifications to accommodate it.

PEWAUKEE – **HFM Packaging Ltd.** bought a 32,200-square-foot facility at N26 W23322 Paul Road in the Pewaukee Business Center for its operation. The company designs and manufactures packaging for customers in the cosmetics, food, personal care and pharmaceutical industries. The city approved a \$4.3 million industrial revenue bond allocation to help fund the cost of purchasing and renovating the \$1.9 million building, as well as for equipment purchase. The business expects to add employees with the expansion.

PLEASANT PRAIRIE – **ULINE, Inc.** will receive \$375,000 in Technology Zone tax credits from the Southeast Tri-County Technology Zone to assist with an expansion project. The company currently leases a 301,650-square-foot building for use as a distribution center, with plans to expand it to more than 602,000 square feet. The expansion project is expected to create 75 jobs and generate \$2.1 million in investment. The business is a leading distributor of shipping, industrial and packing materials to firms throughout the U.S.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN – **Prairie Industries**, a provider of contract-packaging, food packaging and converting services to businesses across the Midwest, will receive \$174,000 in Community Development Zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. The company will invest \$2.05 million to renovate and equip a packaging facility in the spring of 2007, and it will also be expanding its warehouse capacity over the next three years. The expansion projects will create 58 new jobs.

PRESCOTT – **Kasco Marine, Inc.** is adding 15,000 square feet to its existing headquarter facility in order to meet increased demand for its products. The expansion project will add 15 new jobs over the next three years. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is providing a \$56,000 Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities to the City of Prescott to help with infrastructure for the project. The company produces floating fountains, pond aerators, water circulators, de-icers, and submersible landscape lights.

REDGRANITE – **A&D Machine, Inc.** has received a \$42,000 loan from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development program. The firm will use the assistance to purchase equipment and for working capital. The expansion project, valued at about \$400,000 in total, will create 15 new jobs. The business provides welding, fabricating, laser cutting, paint and powder coating, heat treating, and grinding services.

RIVER FALLS – **Rush River Brewing Company** has broken ground on a 10,000-square-foot facility in the Whitetail Ridge Corporate Park. The new location will give the company nearly three times its current brewing capacity and also allows the firm to bottle their products in 12-ounce six-packs. The project is expected to be completed by March 2007. The business brews five distinct brands: a seasonal brew called Winter Warmer, Lost Arrow Porter, The Unforgiven Amber Ale, BubbleJack IPA and Small Axe Golden Ale.

RIVER FALLS – **UW-River Falls**, a campus that has one of the three largest dairy science undergraduate degree programs in the nation, has begun the construction of a new **Dairy Learning Center**. Upon completion, the new center will include a barn for about 100 cows, a milking parlor, a special needs barn, calf barn, heifer barn, hay barn, food shed and machine shed. Two 25-student classrooms will be attached to the milking center.

ROME (TOWN OF) – **Precision Innovations, Inc.**, is investing \$1.3 million in an expansion project that will create 25 new positions with the company. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is providing \$75,000 in Community Development Zone tax credits to assist the addition. Established in 2003, the Adams County firm is a high-quality job shop, machine shop, fabricator and silk screener in the plastics and metals field.

SHARON – **Global Renewable LLC**, a Whitewater, Wisconsin-based partnership, has announced plans to construct and operate a \$195-million plant that is expected to produce 105-120 million gallons of ethanol annually. The plant, which will sit on a 191-acre site, will require 38 million bushels of corn yearly and is expected to create 55 full-time jobs and 200 construction jobs. The facility, which will be called **Sharon Ethanol LLC**, is expected to be up and running by September 2008.

STURTEVANT – **Putzmeister America** recently completed its fifth expansion since the firm moved here from California in 1993. The initial phase of the company's latest expansion added 8,000 square feet to its receiving and warehouse area, as well as 4,500 square feet of office space. The second phase created another 20,000 square feet of production space. The firm's footprint, with the additions, is now about 193,000 square feet, sitting on a 34.5-acre site. The company, a manufacturer of equipment to move concrete at job sites, has grown its workforce from 300 in 2004 to 471 at the end of 2006.

SUPERIOR – **Superior Glass** is investing \$243,000 in an expansion project that will create 12 new jobs. The company is one of the largest, full-service window, door and glass companies in the Upper Midwest. The business consists of the design, manufacture, fabrication and installation of window and door systems. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is providing \$40,000 in Enterprise Development Zone tax credits to help the firm purchase software and equipment for the addition.

SUSSEX – **Babush Material Handling Systems Inc.** and **RedPrairie Corp.** have joined forces to open a new radio frequency identification (RFID) technology laboratory and demonstration center at Babush's headquarters at W222 N5739 Miller Way. Working RFID automation components have been installed to support real-world business processes at the 3,200-square-foot center, where customers can explore how RFID technology works to help their companies.

TREMPELEAU (TOWN OF) – **Universal Truck Equipment Inc.** has received a \$50,000 Rural Economic Development loan to help with an \$826,000 expansion project. The loan will go toward the purchase of new equipment. The company will create five new jobs with the addition. The Trempealeau County business is a snowplow manufacturer and truck equipment dealer.

TWO RIVERS – **GT Machine, LLC** has received \$60,000 in Community Development Zone tax credits from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce for an expansion project. The company is purchasing new equipment and recently expanded into a 19,200-square-foot location. The \$365,000 investment by the specialty machine shop will create 12 new jobs. The firm serves original equipment manufacturers in the material-handling, agricultural and water treatment industries.

VERONA – **JT Packard & Associates** has been purchased by **PowerPlus** of Anaheim, California and will grow quickly as a result. The company helps keep computer systems and other critical equipment running during power surges and brief outages, and has recently signed long-term agreements with **Sun Microsystems** and **MetLife**. The firm currently has 110 employees in Verona but could have as many as 500 in four to five years. The rapid growth of the business is also forcing it to move its operations from Highway 69 and Highway 18-151, to a new \$6 million to \$8 million project at Highway 18-151 and Highway PB, which is expected to be finished in mid to late 2007.

WAUKESHA – **Concept Seating Inc.**, a manufacturer of intensive use chairs and seating products, has moved into an expanded plant at W226 N825 Eastmound Drive. The company has leased 12,000 square feet, over three times larger than its previous space. Established in 1991, the firm started by designing seats for squad cars and has now added seats for call centers, public safety companies and other industries.

WAUKESHA – **Oncology-Alliance-Waukesha** has opened a new clinic for cancer patients at N14 W23833 Stone Ridge Drive. The facility offers patients the latest in cancer treatments in a community-based setting. Three doctors will staff the center and they will have access to social work, clinical research and nearly a dozen other support services, all focused on the patients and their families. The firm currently has 11 locations in southeastern Wisconsin.

WAUPACA – **Print n Press** has invested \$2 million in its business and will add 15,000 square feet to its existing building. The commercial printer has acquired equipment from another plant that will allow it to double its printing and binding capacity, as well as to add mailing services. The expansion, scheduled for completion at the end of January 2007, is expected to create 20 new jobs.

WAUWATOSA – **Bryant & Stratton College** will add 13,000 square feet to its 33,000-square-foot facility at 10950 W. Potter Road. The college is building more lab space for nursing and medical assistant students. The school will use more of the former factory building it now occupies for the expansion and would not be adding to the existing building.

WAUWATOSA – A **Crowne Plaza Hotel** is under construction at the Milwaukee County Research Park. The 200-room, \$28 million facility will be located on an 8.4-acre parcel in the park. The hotel is expected to open by the end of 2007 and will target business travelers, including those from **GE Healthcare's** new \$89 million, 506,000-square-foot office complex at the research park.

WEST ALLIS – **Reliable Knitting Works Inc.** has moved into 10,000 square feet on the third floor of a building at 1126 S. 70th Street, within the West Allis Center. The company is a producer of knit headwear, scarves, footwear and golf club covers. The firm relies on outside sources for a part of its production and has over 200 sales reps worldwide.

WHITEWATER – **UW-Whitewater** plans to build a new \$41 million, 185,000-square-foot **College of Business and Economics**. Construction of the new building will begin when classes conclude in spring 2007 and is expected to be finished before classes start in September 2009. Currently, the College of Business is spread across three buildings on campus. The new facility is part of a major five-year facelift for the UW-Whitewater campus that includes a new \$20 million University Center.

WISCONSIN DELLS – **Bluegreen Corp.**, a Boca Raton, Florida-based group has acquired a seven-acre parcel of land adjacent to the **Treasure Island Water and Theme Park Resort**. The company plans to develop 75 two- and three-bedroom vacation ownership units on the land in 2007 and 2008. The company will also reconfigure and renovate another 24 units it acquired through a partnership with **Treasure Island LLC**.

WISCONSIN DELLS – **Chula Vista Resort** is going ahead with a plan that will add 400,000 square feet of space for athletics and conventions to the company's hotel and waterpark over the next three years. The two-phase plan will start with construction of a \$15 million, 150,000-square-foot building just south of the hotel along the Wisconsin River. The flexible, multi-use facility will have space for 10,000 people in a variety of configurations and it could accommodate 24 volleyball courts or 12 basketball courts at one time. The second phase of the project is a \$40 million, 250,000-square-foot conference center to open in the spring of 2009. The company is expected to add about 200 jobs as part of the convention and athletics project, a project that is part of a \$200 million-plus redevelopment and expansion, which included a waterpark that opened in June 2006, another soon-to-be completed 150 condos and an expanded golf course.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – **Ocean Spray**, the fourth-largest juice company in the world, is building a \$50 million production plant that the company needs to keep up with consumer demand for Craisins, the firm's name for sweetened dried cranberries. The 100,000-square-foot building will be at the site of its existing facility and is slated for a September 2008 completion. The new plant is expected to create 50 jobs in the next few years and the company is considering adding a second phase to the building that would add another 50 jobs.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – **Stora Enso North America Corp.** will invest \$35 million to upgrade its paper mill. The expansion project, which will begin in May 2007, is slated for completion in early 2008. It includes rebuilding and restarting a paper machine for coreboard production and upgrading a recycled fiber facility to help meet increased customer demand. The machine's production is expected to increase by 136 percent.

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