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Hy-Line International Breaks Ground on Genetic Hatchery in Perry



Hy-Line International, a world leader in poultry genetics, recently celebrated a groundbreaking of the Perry Pedigree Hatchery being built in Perry, Iowa. The new facility will be used to produce pedigree and grandparent stock used in Hy-Line's advanced genetic development program. The new facility will employ up to 16 people. According to Dr. Doug Grieve, President, "we are dedicating this independent hatchery for our pedigree and higher level generations to ensure the strictest biosecurity standards of the industry are met."

Hy-Line began their operation in the mid-1930s and has become a leader in the poultry industry with operations in Iowa and around the world. Guthrie County REC provides power to the Perry Industrial Park and the Hy-Line project. ➡



ADG received some great news for rural Iowa with the approval of two awards from USDA Rural Development. Precision Pulley & Idler received a \$702,000 pass through loan to help purchase a building in Corning. The application was sponsored by CIPCO. The second application was a \$300,000 loan for the Kossuth Regional Health Care facility in Algona that Corn Belt Power Cooperative sponsored.

Contact Bruce Nuzum, IADG Vice President Finance, if you have questions about the USDA Rural Development funding tools and programs. ➡

Advanced Drainage Systems Expands to Hampton

Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS) has leased a 45,000 sq. ft. building in Hampton from the Franklin County Development Association, and is now operational.

Joe Chlapaty, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ADS, the world's largest producer of corrugated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe said, "ADS operates 14 manufacturing facilities in this region of the country, making ADS the largest pipe producer by far. This capital expansion will significantly increase production capacity and add operating efficiencies to our operations in North Dakota, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa. Geographically, the Hampton plant location is well situated to service northeastern Iowa and southern Minnesota. ADS selected this area for its strategic location, excellent interstate access, and for its very qualified and dedicated labor pool," Chlapaty concluded.

ADS serves the storm and waste water industry through a global network of 53 domestic and international manufacturing plants and 24 distribution



centers. FCDA President Doug Peter says, "We are pleased Advanced Drainage Systems has selected Hampton. They appear to be a substantial employer eager to get going and this is a terrific development for Franklin County. We look forward to the job creation and investment this project brings."

The ADS project is expected to create 15 jobs initially and grow in the near future.

Power to the ADS project and the Hampton Air Industrial Park is supplied by Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative. ➡

Bellevue Lands Sedgwick Facility

Sedgwick Claims Management Services, a financial services company based in Memphis, Tennessee, has broken ground on a new 10,000 sq. ft. facility that



(L to R) Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque; Dave North, Sedgwick CEO; and Virgil Murray, Mayor of Bellevue, take part in groundbreaking at the new Bellevue site.

will be located in Bellevue. The company will also add positions at existing offices in Dubuque. The combined projects will create 150 jobs in the region.

Loras Herrig, City Manager said, "This is a great project for Bellevue and the region and we are looking forward to helping the Sedgwick project to completion." Company officials said the expansion is needed to accommodate growing business in disability and absence management areas and that the Bellevue project will employ approximately 60 people.

Bellevue Municipal Electric Utility will provide power to the Sedgwick project in Bellevue. 🇺🇸

Rock Valley Breaks Ground on Rock Ridge Business Park



The City of Rock Valley and the Rock Valley Economic Development Corporation recently broke ground on a new industrial park called Rock Ridge Business Park. The 200-acre site is at the east entrance to the community on U.S. Hwy. 18. The community secured Iowa D.O.T. road improvement funds from the R.I.S.E. program to help the project.

Immediately adjacent to the new park is Kooima Company that has recently completed a 100,000 sq. ft. expansion. Jim Vander Velde, Executive Director for Rock Valley Development commented that Rock Valley utilizes more steel for manufacturing per capita than any community in the nation. Rock Valley currently has 18 manufacturers and hopes to continue its growth with the new Rock Ridge Business Park.

North West REC assisted the project with its revolving loan fund and will provide power to the Rock Ridge Business Park. 🇺🇸

Precision Pulley Expands in Corning

Precision Incorporated an employee owned company continues to expand its operations in southwest Iowa by leasing a 93,000 sq. ft. building in Corning's Blue Grass Park. Precision Incorporated manufactures conveyor components for bulk material, baggage and package handling industries world-wide. The expansion in Corning will add 10 new employees as the company expands into the former Wausau Homes building.



The Blue Grass Building board and Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) were successful in securing a \$702,000 zero-interest loan from USDA Rural Development to help structure a lease-to-purchase arrangement for the company. Alec Turner, President of Blue Grass said, "This is a great project and asset for our community and region. Precision Incorporated has been a tremendous community partner, and we are very excited about their expansion. Precision Incorporated and the Blue Grass Industrial Park are served by Southwest Iowa REC. 🇺🇸

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Silver Shovel Award Recognizes

The Silver Shovel Award recognition was established to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Iowa Area Development Group and its economic development mission. IADG and REC recently honored two groups with the award.

The Silver Shovel Award honors outstanding leadership, achievement in business and community development as well as collaboration with IADG and its utility partners. In presenting to Le Mars Business Development Corporation and the Rock Valley Development Corporation (at separate events) numerous accomplishments of each organization were highlighted. Noteworthy achievements



Le Mars Business Development Corporation's Executive Director Neal Adler (center right) with Le Mars Development board members, North West REC and IADG staff.

strategic investments in industrial park buildings and in partnership with West REC.

The Silver Shovel Award also brought a significant contribution from the Foundation. To advance economic development organizations, facilitate community development.

To nominate for the Silver Shovel Award

Midwest TeleServices International Locates Facility in Moulton



City of Moulton leaders, MTI and IADG help break ground for the new call center.



Midwest Teleservices International (MTI) is a telecommunications company based out of North Dakota and has broken ground on a new call center in Moulton, Iowa. The Appanoose County location will be approximately 10,000 sq. ft. and will employ over 40 people.

MTI has more than 21 years of success operating in 11 rural communities in North Dakota and is a leading provider of contact center solutions with Fortune 500 and mid-sized companies that span a number of industries throughout the United States. Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone will provide telecommunication services for the project and is a member of the INS-sponsored Ripple Effect partnership with IADG. ➡

Le Mars and Rock Valley

help development and North West

innovation and all as long the awards Valley accomplishments included investment in trucks, speculative other projects with North

Shovel Award with it a \$1,000

from the Iowa Area Development Group Community. The financial award will allow each development group to economic development through contributions to local 501c3. The IADG Community Foundation was established to community based philanthropy throughout rural Iowa. e a local development organization for the IADG Silver contact Bruce Hansen at IADG. ➡



Rock Valley Economic Development Corporation and the City of Rock Valley receive the Silver Shovel Award. (L to R) David Van Ningen, President of the Board for Rock Valley Development; Lyle Korver, CEO, North West REC; Jim Vander Velde Executive Director, Rock Valley Economic Development Corp. and Rand Fisher, President, IADG.

Delta Dental Celebrates \$1 Million in FIND Program Awards

Dr. Gratz Locates in Bloomfield

Delta Dental of Iowa honored Dr. Gratz who became the 18th recipient of FIND funds. Dr. Gratz has located her new practice in Bloomfield. Dr. Kirstina Gratz is pictured center right with her husband Ryan.



John Schroeder (center left) with the Davis County Development office is joined by Delta Dental and IADG staff.

The FIND project, Fulfilling Iowa's Need for Dentists, connects graduating dentists with communities in need. FIND is a partnership of Delta Dental of Iowa, the Iowa Department of Health, the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Iowa Area Development Group.

Since 2003 Delta Dental of Iowa has been encouraging the location of dentists in rural Iowa by helping pay down their tuition debt. In September, Delta Dental reached \$1 million in awards with the latest recipient, Dr. Gratz, a recent University of Iowa dental school graduate.

Through a partnership with the State of Iowa the FIND initiative recently received \$50,000 from the Iowa Legislature. Governor Branstad helped Delta Dental celebrate their milestone at a recent reception honoring Dr. Gratz and her new location in Bloomfield.

Dr. Gratz's new practice was also assisted by Southern Iowa REC's revolving loan fund that helped purchase equipment for the dental office. ➡

October 20, 2011

SMART GRID SUMMIT

Make plans for the **Smart Grid Summit** that will bring telecommunications and electric utility leaders together on **Thursday, October 20**. This event will bring interested parties together to begin dialogue on how we can collaborate, partner and innovate smart grid technology for the benefit of Iowa consumers. Agenda and registration information is available at www.IADG.com.

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Humboldt Opens New Business Park




Humboldt community leaders cut the ribbon to officially open the Humboldt Business Park.

A new Humboldt Business Park is located north of the community along U.S. Hwy 169. The 45-acre site is the former Frit Industries property which was designated as a "brownfield" location by the Environmental Protection Agency. The site has now been cleaned up and is available for commercial development.

Companies interested in the site can access significant tax credits for developing on the property. Humboldt County REC and Corn Belt Power provide power to the new business park and played a significant role in the site's clean-up and new designation. 

IADG Markets Iowa at Dairy and Manufacturing Shows



During the third quarter IADG staff and partners participated and marketed Iowa at three industry trade shows. The shows included: The Omaha Products Show in Omaha, World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI and Midwest Design & Manufacturing Show, Chicago. Each event provided a unique opportunity to reach out to new and existing business and industry. 

Vermeer Receives Leadership Award from NREDA

Jim Vermeer, Vice President Business Development for Corn Belt Power Cooperative received the 2011 National Rural Economic Development Association's (NREDA) Leadership Award at their annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee. NREDA is a business and community development association for rural electric cooperatives and rural telephone companies from across the nation. 



Dennis Mingyar (left), NREDA Board Member, presents the Leadership Award to Jim Vermeer.

Anderson Retires

After two decades of leadership and service to Iowa Area Development Group and its sponsors, Dan Anderson, Senior Vice President recently decided to retire. Mr. Anderson's tenure at IADG was marked by the establishment of numerous new services, partnerships, and projects.

While at IADG, Anderson received several professional designations including certification as a Certified Economic Developer (CED). He also served as president of the Professional Developers of Iowa in 2002 and continues to be a student, teacher and leader for the profession.

We hope you will join IADG in thanking and congratulating Dan on his career at IADG. 

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