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Dubuque Welcomes Governor Vilsack and CIGNA Retirement & Investment Services President Byron Oliver

Construction of New CIGNA Complex

Construction is well underway for CIGNA Retirement and Investment Services' new expansion. The three-story office building will be located at the corner of Fifth Street and the Town Clock Plaza. Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack, CIGNA president Byron Oliver, and Dubuque community leaders celebrated the project with a groundbreaking at the site November 16, 1999. Byron Oliver said the day was a celebration of the past and present. "Ten years ago, we started in some trailers. As we look to the future, we look to a different period. I can't tell you how excited we are to be at this point," Oliver proclaimed. CIGNA opened Trilog Inc. in 1990 and watched as employment grew to 300 employees within three years. By 2001, CIGNA expects to employ 500 people in Dubuque. The 112,000 square foot complex is scheduled for completion by January, 2001 and will be named the CIGNA Retirement Benefits Service Center. Pictured at right are CIGNA President Byron Oliver and Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack at the ground breaking site.



Completion of Spec Building projected for April

Dubuque Industrial Center West

Construction of Dubuque's first major industrial spec building in over a decade is scheduled for completion this spring. The building is located on a 12-acre site at the new Dubuque Industrial Center West at 7425 Chavenelle Road. Upon completion the building will provide 40,000 square feet of manufacturing and 3,200 square feet of office space. The pre-cast and metal exterior is designed to allow expansion to over 160,000 square feet. The Dubuque Industrial Center West is the first phase of a 20 year commitment to provide the necessary land business and industry will need for future growth in Dubuque. For additional information contact Rick Dickinson at Greater Dubuque Development by phone: 319-557-9049 or e-mail: rickdgdcc@greaterdubuque.org.



Farley Industrial Development Corp Announces Expansions

"Farley has become a model for every other community in Iowa", exclaimed Governor Vilsack at the gala reception which followed ribbon cutting ceremonies at Behnke Enterprises, Precision Wire & Design, Rauen's Precision Machining and EIMCO, Inc. The Governor was particularly impressed by the state-of-the-art equipment he found in each plant, and he complimented Farley's highly-trained workforce for their remarkable work ethic. These four new industries already employ over 100 people, and they are growing fast. Congratulations to Joyce Jarding and Farley Industrial Development group for their fine work. Pictured above from left to right: Jeff Simon, Council Member; Governor Tom Vilsack and Rick Hoffman, EIMCO Owner



Medline Industries chooses Dubuque

To help keep pace with the rapid growth of its health care supply business, Medline Industries, Inc. will open a new state of the art customer service center in Dubuque that is expected to employ a minimum of 50 customer support representatives. Medline has finalized plans to lease space from Eagle Point Software on Westmark Drive. Based in Mundelein, Illinois, Medline is the country's largest privately held manufacturer and distributor health care supplies. "Our business is expanding a very fast rate and the new service City's high quality labor bar with the support from Greater Dubuque Development, made Dubuque the ideal location to expand our customer service capabilities." Medline is using the Dubuque Internet Jobs website to recruit professionals for their center. For more information look them up on the site at www.dubuqueia.com/jobs.cfm.

Dubuque Night in Des Moines

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 29, 2000. Dubuque Area Labor Management Council and Greater Dubuque Development are sponsoring the annual event at Diamond Jack's, Iowa State Fairgrounds from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. Join members of the Iowa Legislature, other elected officials,

legislative and administrative staff to socialize and discuss issues facing our community. Food, beverages and entertainment will be provided courtesy of Dubuque businesses and suppliers. Price of admission is only \$5.00. If you would like to be a Dubuque Night Co-Host contact Karen at GDDC at 319-557-9049 or e-mail: karenkgddc@greaterdubuque.org.

Workforce Recruitment Program Wins National Recognition

Tri State Human Resource Association (TRIHRA), is the proud recipient of the 1999 National Pinnacle Award. TRIHRA presented Dubuque the award for outstanding community involvement in the "Come Back to Your Future, Come Home to Dubuque" campaign. The workforce recruitment program has reached its second anniversary with great success. In the last two years the number of registered employers has grown to 330 and the number of jobs posted peaked at 975. Job seekers continue to visit the website at www.dubuqueia.com/jobs.cfm with a total number of resumes in the JobQuest ResumeBank currently at 10,258. Over 600 of those resumes have been posted within the last 30 days! Dubuque area employers have hired 287 new employees through this website. If your company wishes to post openings on the web page or review available resumes contact Judy Bernau, Workforce Recruiter, by phone: 319584-1931 or e-mail: judybgddc@greaterdubuque.org.

Eagle Window and Door Finalizes Plans

Eagle Window and Door will be spreading their wings in a new 390,000 square foot manufacturing facility at the corner of Kerper Blvd and Kerper Ct. Final details were agreed upon on February 15th and construction is underway.