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# ***Hormel Foods Confirms Expansion Plans for Dubuque Plant***

**Dubuque, IA** - Hormel Foods confirmed plans today for an expansion to their Progressive Processing plant located in Dubuque, Iowa. Progressive Processing, LLC, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hormel Foods Corporation.

The company will be moving the production of its bacon toppings products to the facility located in the Dubuque Industrial Center West. The planned move is expected to be completed by summer of 2014. Dubuque competed against numerous sites for the project including locations in Minnesota and Nebraska.

This project is one of the two prospective production lines Hormel Foods sought funding for in November of 2013. The Iowa Economic Development Authority board members approved the City of Dubuque's request for a \$4.1 Million incentive package, for both projects, that could help secure the expansions at the local food processing plant in November of 2013.

"This project was first introduced to us through the headquarter calls we make as an extension of our National Marketing and Existing Business programs," said Rick Dickinson, President of Greater Dubuque Development. "Partnering with the City of Dubuque, Iowa Economic Development Authority, and Northeast Iowa Community College, we were able to demonstrate the key benefits of an expansion in Dubuque," added Dickinson.

As much credit as he gave State and local officials for their support, Dickinson made clear that it is all about people. "Mark Zelle and the employees at Progressive Processing were the number one incentive for Hormel's decision to expand in Dubuque," stated Dickinson.

Hormel Foods Corporation is a multinational manufacturer and marketer of consumer-branded meat and food products, many of which are among the best known and trusted in the food industry. The company enjoys a strong reputation among consumers, retail grocers, and food service and industrial customer for products highly regarded for quality, taste, nutrition, convenience, and value.

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