

# ***Technology Firm Selects Dubuque: Investment will create 16 new jobs***

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**Dubuque, IA** - Design Mill Inc. announced today plans to locate in Dubuque, Iowa, bringing 16 new positions into the Dubuque job market. Initially, their new operation will occupy approximately 2,700 square feet in the Caradco Building in the Historic Millwork District.

Design Mill's relocation is contingent upon approval of \$80,000 in financial assistance through the High Quality Jobs Fund provided by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. If the application is approved at the June 21st board meeting, the company plans to occupy space in the Caradco Building by early fall 2013.

Nathan Greiner, President of Design Mill, praised the area's workforce, telecom services, higher education presence, and vibrant community as strong selling-points. "Our ability to attract and retain a quality workforce was our number one concern," said Greiner. "Greater Dubuque Development assured us we would have the resources needed to build our business in the Greater Dubuque region."

For Greater Dubuque Development, collaboration with local partners was essential to close this deal. "The joint effort of Greater Dubuque Development, City of Dubuque, Northeast Iowa Community College, property owner, Gronen Restoration, Inc., and the Iowa Economic Development Authority were exceptional. Together, we were able to effectively communicate the key business advantages to Design Mill," said Mark Seckman, Vice President of National Marketing for Greater Dubuque Development.

This project is a great win for our community. "We are extremely pleased Design Mill chose Dubuque and the Historic Millwork District. Innovative and cutting-edge companies, like Design Mill, are a key element needed for the continued growth of our community," added Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol. "Design Mill's selection of a location in the Millwork District is more evidence that the work of many partners involved in the Millwork District's revitalization is beginning to yield fruit."

Design Mill Inc. is a software-development company specializing in eLearning, mobile apps, and 3D modeling. The company will hire positions in graphic design, animation, engineering and programming.

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