

PRESS RELEASE

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F. Ziegler Enterprises plans major expansion

A local company will be moving to a new facility and undergoing a major expansion over the next few months. F. Ziegler Enterprises (FZE), a Fond du Lac manufacturer, has announced that it will significantly expand its capacity to keep up with customer demand. Their growth necessitates moving its operations to a space triple the size of its current facilities and adding up to 35 employees over the next three years.

The company's strategic successes over the last several years has resulted in the company outgrowing their current 20,000 square foot facility at 1209 Industrial Parkway in Fond du Lac in addition to the 8,000 square feet of warehouse space currently being leased by the company. An opportunity presented itself when the Village of North Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC), Keller Inc., and a local development group partnered to build a 60,000 square foot spec building in the Northgate Business Park in the Village of North Fond du Lac. The building was completed in late fall 2007, and it was decided by the team at FZE that this presented the best option for their expansion. The spec building would allow FZE ample space for integration of all their operations into a single headquarters facility and long-term growth as they continue to generate solutions for their global customers.

Company spokesperson, Brooke Wegener said "FZE is very excited to partner with the FCEDC, the development group, and the Village of North Fond du Lac on this project. The spec building is a perfect match and allows us to continue moving towards the future of our company. We are excited to become a part of the North Fond du Lac community and look forward to our continued growth, as well as our ability to add additional jobs in the community."

The expansion was assisted in part by funds from the Fond du Lac County Revolving Loan program, administered by FCEDC. FCEDC also provided technical assistance and existing business development services in the planning of the expansion.

The outlined timeframe calls for all employees, equipment and operations to be transitioned by January of 2009. FZE will lease or sell their current facility. The company was founded in 1974 and currently employs 66 people. The public will be invited to an open house at the new facility. A date for this event will be announced in the near future.