

BUSINESS

Fund boosts investment and job creation

MN DEED REPORT

Companies have committed to investing \$344.3 million and creating more than 1,800 jobs in Minnesota since the Job Creation Fund was launched last year, according to figures released by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

The agency said \$16.7 million in funding from the program has encouraged 31 corporate expansion projects throughout the state.

“The Job Creation Fund has been an important economic development tool that is encouraging growth in Minnesota,” DEED Deputy Commissioner Kevin McKinnon said in a release. “The program has been a major success story in supporting companies throughout the state, from Cottonwood to Duluth, in their efforts to create jobs and invest in growth.”

Of the 31 projects approved for funding from the program, 17 have been in the Twin Cities and 14 in greater Minnesota.

Job Creation Fund projects in the past 12 months include:

■ Andersen Corp. – The doors and windows manufacturer committed to investing \$56 million and creating 300 high-paying jobs in an expansion of its manufacturing operations in Bayport and Cottage Grove.

■ Axis Clinicals – The India-based clinical trial company said it will invest \$12 million and create 100 jobs at its first U.S. research and analysis facility in Dilworth in northwestern Minnesota.

■ Super Radiator Coils – The company broke ground in Chaska on a \$4 million addition to meet demand for heat exchanger coils that are used at nuclear power plants and in other applications. The company expects to add up to 30 jobs as a result of the expansion.

■ TEAM Industries – The manufacturer of drivetrains and other components for vehicles announced a \$7.8 million expansion of its production facility in Detroit Lakes.

The company will add 16 jobs and build a 22,500-square-foot addition at the factory.

■ Cardiovascular Systems – The medical device maker is building a \$30 million headquarters in New Brighton and will create 200 new jobs.

■ Daikin Applied Americas – The company, which specializes in making heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems for the commercial sector, announced plans for a \$9 million expansion project that will create 40 jobs at its manufacturing facility in Owatonna.

■ Harmony Enterprises – The southeastern Minnesota manufacturer of waste compactors and recycling balers said it would invest \$1.1 million and add 14 jobs at its facility in Harmony.

■ Capital Safety – The provider of fall protection equipment for workers in construction, oil and gas, utilities and other industries announced a 60,000-square-foot expansion project that will create 100 jobs at its operations in Red Wing.

■ Ikonics Corp. – The Duluth-based imaging technology

company announced plans to invest \$4.3 million in an expansion that will include hiring 20 new workers.

■ North Star Mutual Insurance Co. – The 94-year-old business said it will invest \$9.5 million and create 12 jobs as part of an expansion of its headquarters in the southwestern Minnesota community of Cottonwood.

■ DC Group – The electrical-industrial company said it will renovate and expand its headquarters in north Minneapolis, investing more than \$6.2 million and creating 33 new jobs.

■ Polaris Industries – The producer of snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles announced a \$20 million office expansion in Plymouth and the creation of 100 new jobs.

The Minnesota Job Creation Fund was first proposed by Gov. Mark Dayton and approved for \$24 million in funding during the 2013 legislative session. DEED, which manages the program, announced the first round of funding in March 2014.

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CITY OF RANIER PART-TIME SEASONAL WORKERS The City of Ranier is updating its application file for part-time temporary seasonal workers. The job will start in late April, 2015 ending in September, 2015. Duties are various maintenance activities to include lawn mowing, weed trimming, painting and general maintenance. Applicants must be 16 years old and have a valid driver's license. The applicant must be in strong physical condition, be able to operate lawn mowing/trimming equipment, lift objects weighing at least 50 pounds and be able to work independently. Applications can be picked up at the Ranier City Clerk's office. Completed applications must be submitted to the Clerk's Office by April 20th. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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CITY OF INTERNATIONAL FALLS STATE OF MINNESOTA MAYORAL PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2015 WHEREAS, the City of International Falls administration is working toward making every home and community safe in Borderland; and WHEREAS, the many voices of those who have been victims of sexual violence must be heard; and WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up without the threat of sexual violence; and WHEREAS, the MN Department of Health Report Costs of Sexual Violence indicates that sexual violence injures our citizens, decreases productivity, and costs our state \$8 billion dollars annually, and WHEREAS, in 2014, the total number of reported rapes represented 19 percent of the total violent crimes in Minnesota with an average of 8 per day; and WHEREAS, in 2014 Koochiching County received 27 reports of sexual assault. Meaning 27 of our community's loved ones fell victim to crimes of sexual assault. WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18; and WHEREAS, International Falls strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence; and WHEREAS, the Mayor joins Friends Against Abuse in believing that all community members must be a part of the solution to eliminate crimes of sexual violence; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of International Falls and the office of the Mayor, does hereby proclaim April 2015 as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH in honor of all Minnesotans who have experienced sexual violence, as well as those who have dedicated their lives and their time to serving victims and ending sexual violence in our community. Robert W. Anderson Robert (Bob) W. Anderson Mayor of International Falls, MN

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